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FORESHADOWINGS

*WE may not look across the misty tide,
Or bear or feel the breath of passing wings ;
Yet seen and unseen weave their fringes wide,
And nature teems with clear foreshadowings.*

*Not in wild storms of crashing thunder rung,
But in deep silences that brood about,
Without a word from lispings lip or tongue,
She cheers the faith that wrestles with a doubt.*

*From brown cocoons the winds have tossed and whirled,
Broad wings of gold beat up the viewless air ;
And dry seed-germs that wander round the world
Are quick with strange unfoldings rich and rare.*

*The sharded beetle bred in marshy fen
Transfigured soars above his riven shell
On flashing wings before the gaze of men,
A royal birth -- a living truth as well.*

*And still, sweet voices speak the ages through --
No germ is lost, but lives forevermore ;
The seed unfolds to fairer life anew,
And from the dust strong pinions mount and soar.*

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A Book to Purchase

IT affords the undersigned pleasure to call attention, without solicitation, to a remarkably fresh volume just issued by the publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Its author is Rev. Dr. Gross Alexander, professor of New Testament exegesis in Vanderbilt University. It is entitled, "The Son of Man: Studies on His Life and Teaching." In a brief introduction Dr. Tigert speaks of several of the studies as having been to him personally "the source of great spiritual illumination and peace." The commendation is thoroughly well deserved. The book is scholarly in every page, yet its scholarship is of the spiritually inspiring kind. It is in living and sympathetic touch with the best results of current Biblical research. It freshly interprets the leading points of interest in the person and words of the Divine Man. It thinks aloud, thinks fearlessly, hopefully, helpfully. It should be widely welcomed as a vital contribution to Biblical theology, one reflecting honor upon the church in which it originated, and illustrating to all churches the charm and strength and sanity of its faith in the Son of Man.

W. F. WARREN.

Mormon Missionaries Among Us

MORMON missionaries are busy in New England, as elsewhere, for this is a time of ardent activity with that astonishing church, organized as a complete state, and ready to take hold of the earth when the opportunity offers — as the Mormons believe it will offer some day. The New England mission numbers between twenty five and thirty elders, and they have been holding their first conference at Roxbury (Boston) and comparing notes as to their success in proselyting, and their plans for the future. So far they have made few converts, it appears; they have only visited small places, but during the coming winter they intend to labor in the large cities, and to establish churches there. For the period has passed when the church aimed to establish a state in Utah, and now they count on getting a foothold in all parts of the country. The churches they found here are, of course, to be subordinate to the hierarchy of Salt Lake City, as the Roman Catholics are subordinate to the hierarchy of Rome. What the real character or the Mormon body is — that is not a part of the mission work to explain. One of the elders at the Roxbury conference is reported as saying: "The Mormon church wishes to extend its influence and to have its places of worship all over the

country, just the same as any other church." Joseph Smith left New England seventy years ago; he is now coming back again, it seems. — *Springfield Republican*.

Evangelist Telford Returns to America

MR. E. P. TELFORD, who for two years so ably assisted so many of our New England pastors in revival work, and who closed his American labors in Springfield six years ago, will return and begin a twelve days' mission with Central Church, Lowell, beginning Dec. 31. For more than twenty years Mr. Telford has labored during June and July at Great Assembly Hall, London, which is the largest mission hall in the world. He has just closed a most successful mission in Bristol, England, and is now in the midst of work at Leysian Wesleyan Hall, London, connected with Leys School, Cambridge, of which the late Dr. Moulton was head master. His services for three or perhaps four twelve days' missions could be secured before he leaves for a campaign in Ohio, by applying to Rev. W. H. Meredith, Central Methodist Episcopal parsonage, Lowell, Mass.

An Encouraging Fact

AS a matter of cold fact, the consumption of all kinds of alcoholic drinks in the United States increased in the seventeen years from 1881 to 1897 inclusive from 539,000,000 gallons to only 1,181,000,000 gallons, or less than 120 per cent. It is an in-

teresting and, we should say, an encouraging fact, that this increase was almost entirely in malt liquors. The increase in the consumption of all forms of distilled spirits, domestic and imported, was less than 4 per cent., and as the population increased in that time fully 56 per cent., it will be seen that the per capita consumption of spirits underwent a marked decline. — *New York Times*.

The Latest Sensation

THE latest sensation sprung by Miss Lillian Jewett has ended ridiculously. The Negro preacher said to have been lynched in South Carolina for organizing Lillian Jewett anti-lynching clubs was himself a party to the hoax. We wonder, by the way, how the poor Bakers are getting along. — *Boston Journal*.

If Repentant, Resign

TWO ministers engaged in the administrative departments of the Methodist Publishing Concern pocketed "commissions" for making loans of money belonging to the church. They were paid by the church salaries for doing this and other work, but took what is known among corrupt politicians as a "rake-off." They confessed and were "freely forgiven" by the Conference, which was well enough; but such men cannot continue to hold their offices without serious detriment both to the finances and morals of the Methodist Church. If they are repentant let them do work meet for repentance by resigning. They should not flatter themselves that the trouble is now all over. Like a thorn in the flesh, the pain and inflammation will not subside till they are out. — *Interior*.

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Some Things the Elections Settled

The twelve States in which elections were held last week will contribute in a very large measure to the election of a President next year. Two issues were prominent: one was the policy of the present Administration, and the other was the marking of the candidates to be nominated for the office of President. Had McKinley lost Ohio, or had Nebraska repudiated Bryan, neither party could have selected its standard-bearer of 1898 to serve in the same capacity in 1900. Had McLean carried Ohio, he would certainly have been a most formidable opponent to Bryan. The interest settled very largely on those two States. The political wiseacres were sadly at fault in predicting the result in Ohio. McLean never could have had even a fighting chance, for the Republican candidate for governor carried the State by over 45,000 plurality. The Jones vote was much larger than it was supposed it would be. Instead of polling less than 80,000 votes, the latest returns give him about 103,000. Bryan's candidate won in Nebraska by 14,000 plurality. Unless the unforeseen happens, the Republicans are almost certain to renominate McKinley and the Democrats to renominate Bryan in 1900. Maryland went over to the Democratic column, but this was almost wholly due to dissension in the Republican ranks. New York was so thoroughly Republican as to leave little doubt as to whom her vote will be given next year. Kentucky alone is doubtful, and the contest is so close that a conflict is among the possibilities. For the rest, it is an emphatic endorsement of President McKinley's administration, and will be so understood not only in the United States, but throughout the world.

Quayism Triumphant

It is not easy to understand the tremendous power which is wielded in the great State of Pennsylvania by Matthew S. Quay. Although he failed to secure his own re-election to the United States Senate last winter, he controlled the convention for the nomination of State officers, and took care that the ticket was made up in such a way as to promote the interests of his campaign for

re-election. The principal office involved was that of State treasurer—a position once filled by Quay himself—and the Republican voters promptly and overwhelmingly elected his candidate. The dissatisfied members of the party said they would reserve their strength till next year, and the great rank and file walked up to the polls and did the bidding of Quay. He will now renew his efforts to get the Senate to reverse its latest opinion in cases such as his and admit him as a gubernatorial appointment. The triumph of that for which Quay stands is the one thing that mars the victory of last week.

Civil Rule for Cuba

It is reported that President McKinley intends to revoke the appointment of Gen. Brooke as Military Governor of Cuba and place the island under civil rule with Gen. Wood as Governor. He is said to be planning to make this change on the first of January. If the conditions are ripe for the change it is a most desirable one. The sooner Cuba ceases to be a military satrapy the better. While Gen. Brooke's administration has not been without its full share of criticism, if he has succeeded, in one year, in so far pacifying the island as to warrant the substitution of the civil for the military form of government, he need not concern himself overmuch with what people say about him or his methods. There has been not a little friction between the various military commanders and wide disagreement as to the best methods of administration. Gen. Wood, theoretically, has no business to be a success as the commanding officer of a military division, since, although a brigadier general of volunteers, he is only a surgeon in the regular army; but he has shown that he is thoroughly competent, and has won the confidence of the Cubans to a very marked degree. If the circumstances warrant the appointment of a civil governor, the American people will readily acquiesce in his selection.

Autonomy in Negros

There was a native establishment set up in Negros some months ago, which proved a dismal failure. Early in September Gen. Otis submitted a plan for a reorganization following the lines which were established when the Mexican provinces came under the control of the United States in 1846. The President having given his approval, the new government was inaugurated at Bacolo last week. The new civil establishment will be conducted under the supervision of an American Military Governor, something after the present system in Cuba. The elections were held early in Octo-

ber, and 5,248 votes were cast; the suffrage being based on the property qualification and the ability to read and write. Senor Severino was elected governor, having received 1,305 votes. Twelve councilmen were also elected to advise with him as to the management of affairs. There is a force of 250 native soldiers, armed with Springfield rifles, who are proving themselves useful in maintaining peace; for bandits still roam over the northern part of the island. It is not from these, but from the intrigues of the native politicians, that danger is apprehended. This new experiment will go far towards demonstrating whether the Filipinos are capable of governing themselves or not, and will be carefully looked after by the military authorities.

Abdullah el Taaisha

The Khalifa, Abdullah el Taaisha, has outwitted the Sirdar, Lord Kitchener, and got out of Jebel Gedir into the mountainous region about a hundred miles to the northwest of Fashoda. It has been decided by the British authorities that it is useless to pursue him at this time. A reconnaissance will be made as far as Jebel Gedir to make sure that he has really gone, bag and baggage, and then the British troops will retire to Omdurman. Since his flight from Omdurman the Khalifa has been little more than a slave-raider and an armed robber, but he is still a potential source of danger. It is known that he has collected a following of ten thousand men, and it is said that he gets his supplies through Abyssinia from the Red Sea. He is still a power with which the English must reckon, and his spiritual pretensions give him an influence far beyond that of the military prowess of himself and his band of robbers. He is the exponent of a superstition that will not down as long as he remains at large. Since his capture would entail much trouble and expense, the Sirdar has evidently decided to keep him away from Khartoum and the settled districts over which the British now claim sovereignty.

Condominium Broken Up

In speaking at the inauguration of the Lord Mayor of London last Thursday evening Lord Salisbury announced that Great Britain had entered into an agreement with Germany by which the former country surrenders all her rights in Samoa to the latter country. This arrangement is subject to the consent of the United States, the third party of the Berlin treaty which made provision for the government of Samoa. As our rights in Tutuila antedate the treaty by eleven years, and as

we have no interests in the other islands, there is not likely to be any opposition on our part. We want Tutuila because of its admirable harbor; Great Britain does not want either of the other islands, because neither of them has a harbor worth the name; Germany wants Upolu and Savali because of her commercial interests; so it seems to be a satisfactory arrangement for the three Powers. What the Samoans themselves will say to it, does not appear. Tutuila is the smallest of the three larger islands of the group, consisting of about fifty square miles and containing only about 3 500 inhabitants. As an offset to her claims in Samoa, Great Britain gets full possession of the island of Tonga, which has a most admirable harbor. She also obtains other concessions which are of value to her, but of little interest to the rest of the world.

Tutuila

Our interest in the island of Tutuila began in 1872 when Commander Meade, U. S. N., made a treaty with the chief of the island providing that the harbor of Pago-Pago should become the property of the United States; but it was not till 1878 that our possession of the harbor was confirmed, and not until last year that a coaling station was actually established. With Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian group, we are now in possession of two of the finest harbors within the limits of the Pacific Ocean. The Samoan archipelago is the cross-roads of the Pacific. It lies in the course of steamers plying between San Francisco and Auckland, Panama and Sydney, and also those from Valparaiso to China and Japan. The development of the Pacific commerce will make it the most convenient stopping-place and coaling station of any to be found in that part of Polynesia. The insuperable barrier to steam navigation once offered by the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean has been removed. The distance from New York to Fastnet is about 2,760 miles. This is greater than the distance which separates one coaling station from another on any of the regular routes in the Pacific. It is 2,089 miles from San Francisco to Honolulu, thence to Pago Pago it is 2,263 miles, and thence to Sydney it is 2,354 miles. Except for its conveniently located harbor, Tutuila is of no commercial importance.

Girdling the Earth

The management of the Great Northern Railroad has special arrangements with the various railroads of the Baltimore & Ohio system which give it close connections between New York and Seattle. There are rumors of a new steamship line from London to New York to be operated by an allied corporation; and it is reported that contracts have already been signed for two steamers, sixteen feet longer than the Oceanic (the largest steamer now afloat), for the transpacific trade from Seattle in connection with the Japan Mail Steamship Company. It only remains now for the Great Northern to make terms with the Manchurian and the Great Siberian Railway companies, and then to put on a line of steamers from St.

Petersburg to London, in order to girdle the earth under one system. Stranger things than that have happened, and the child is born who will see an immense traffic over the northern part of the two hemispheres by this route.

Menace of Mormonism

The American people are so sensitive to any apparent interference with religion that they overlook the machinations of the Mormons. Mormonism is a menace with which we shall have to reckon, and the facts might as well be faced first as last. It appears that there are no less than 1 700 missionaries scattered over the country, going from house to house in their work of proselyting. There is one here in Boston, and there are several in New England. During the year 1897 they are said to have made 63,000 converts. In Utah the Mormons represent three-fifths of the population, and they practically control Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Arizona. By skillful manipulation throughout the West, where the great parties are so nearly of equal strength, they manage the balance of power so as to secure the most for the church. All the work of the church since the admission of Utah as a State shows that the leaders never intended to keep the pledges they made that polygamy should cease, and that they deliberately planned to hoodwink the American people. Utah was admitted to the Union under conditions which were calculated to put an end to polygamous marriages; if the conditions have been broken, they have been broken by the Mormons, and there will never be a better time than the present to show that the people of the United States are powerful enough to compel all citizens to obey the law.

Concerning Brigham H. Roberts

Of all the meetings held to protest against the admission of Brigham H. Roberts as a member of the 56th Congress, the one held in Tremont Temple, last Thursday evening, was one of the largest and most enthusiastic. A grandson of Brigham Young spoke vigorously against the open defiance which the Mormon Church has thrown out in the election of Roberts, and gave some of the inside history of the schemes of the Mormon hierarchy to fasten polygamy on the nation. It was the church that elected Roberts. Its political manifesto of 1896 laid down the rule that any official of the church must get the consent of his ecclesiastical superiors before accepting even a nomination for office. This annexing of the state to the church is against the foundation principles of the Government. Roberts has already served a term of imprisonment for living with plural wives, and a woman in Salt Lake City has taken his name and announced herself as one of his wives within three years. Under the Edmunds Act he is disqualified to vote or to hold office. With so strong and persistent an opposition to his taking a seat as one of the lawmakers of the nation, it is hard to believe that the House of Representatives will put itself on record as favor-

ing the Mormon Church to such an extent as his admission would involve.

Maintaining the Open Door

Germany is the first of the European governments to give written assurance that American citizens shall have the same commercial privileges in her possessions in China as those enjoyed by German subjects. Great Britain has contended for an "open door" since the dismemberment of China began. There can be no doubt that the United States will co-operate with these two nations to this extent. It is stated, on reliable authority, that we have made known to Russia and France that, in the absence of written agreements to concede equal commercial rights to American citizens in the Chinese seaports already in Russian or French hands, we should regard with disapproval any further dismemberment of the Celestial Empire. Of course we would first call on China to carry out the treaties she has made with us. If Russia should resist China, we should be obliged to send naval and military assistance. Japan is ready and waiting for any alliance against the Russian. She has never recovered from her anger because of Russia's interference which prevented her from coming into possession of the Liao-Tung peninsula which she fairly won in her last war with China, but which Russia snatched from her. The conditions being as they are, Russia will probably prefer to give the written assurance asked by the United States.

Genius for Organization

It is stated by a reliable authority that during the last week of October orders were given for one and one half million tons of steel rails, thirty thousand cars, and five hundred locomotives — all this in six days! Of course this was exceptional, and it may possibly be exaggerated, but no consideration will materially detract from the tribute such enlarged undertakings pay to the American genius for organization. There is a wide difference between the utilization of modern methods for economizing the mighty forces of nature and of human effort so as to produce the most satisfactory results, and the illegal and unrighteous combinations of manipulators of the market to enhance prices for their individual profit. In this utilization there is a demand for larger mechanical appliances which will measure up to the new condition. A few years ago two giant traveling cranes capable of lifting a hundred tons each were installed in a large manufacturing plant. They were a nine-days' wonder, but it was not long before another large plant found it necessary to install cranes having a capacity of 150 tons. It was only last week that one of the large locomotives of the New York Central drew a train of sixteen cars, weighing 916 tons, 143 miles in three hours and fifteen minutes; and a Western road has a locomotive, weighing 230,000 pounds, designed to haul trains of 2,000 tons. There is good reason for the belief that success comes most frequently to the

man of large ideas and broad conceptions.

Liberia Pays Interest

After twenty five years of practical bankruptcy Liberia comes to meet her creditors in a more hopeful condition. In 1871 she floated a loan of \$500,000 on which, up to this time, she has paid only three years' interest. The holders of the loan have consented to receive \$75,000 in payment of all claims for interest up to date, and to reduce the rate of interest from seven per cent. to three per cent., with a gradual increase until five per cent. is reached. Liberia owes her bettered financial condition to the development of the rubber industry. This fact is of more than commercial importance, for it is an open secret that several European nations have been casting longing eyes on Liberia. France has been gradually encroaching upon her territory, but she has found no way to resist this, and any promise of returning prosperity will place her in greater danger of a protectorate. It is said that the United States would like to secure a coaling station on the Liberian coast, and overtures for closer relations between the two countries have been recently renewed. Time was when an appeal from Liberia would have found a ready response in the United States, but Americans have lost their interest in the little Negro Republic which has had a hard struggle to maintain its existence ever since it was founded, in 1822.

Bayambang and Bayombong

It was confidently predicted that at last Aguinaldo was enclosed in a steel trap which would be sprung at the proper time with disastrous results to him; but when it was sprung this wily fugitive was not in it. He was kept informed of the movements of Generals Wheaton, Lawton, Young and MacArthur. As soon as the former was reported to have effected a landing at St. Fabian, taken possession of Dagupan (to the north), and to be moving towards Tarlac; knowing that Gen. Lawton was moving towards the same point from Urbanatuan and Allaga (to the east), Aguinaldo would have been a very dull man if he had not discerned the plan. It was given out that he had abandoned Tarlac and betaken himself to Bayambang—about midway between Tarlac and St. Fabian. Tarlac was taken without resistance, and a considerable supply of ammunition and stores was intercepted which the Filipinos were apparently moving to Bayambang for Aguinaldo's benefit. All four of the American generals were actively pressing the retreating insurgents who were terribly demoralized by the rapidity of the movements of our troops. The country was pretty well covered and the insurgents driven back in every direction. But the refrain is the familiar one, "Aguinaldo has escaped." Although this is denied by one correspondent, it is generally believed that instead of going to Bayambang, he went to Bayombong. There is quite a variety in the spelling of the names, but the War Department appears to prefer the

spelling given above. Now Bayombong is about seventy-five miles to the northeast of Tarlac—as far as Tarlac is from Manila; it is in the province of Nueva Vizcaya, where the language of Aguinaldo's tribe is not spoken, and the inhabitants are his natural enemies. It is a mountainous country, and Bayombong is forty miles from either coast, with a population of about 3,000. It is at the head of one of the richest valleys in the whole island, but being sparsely inhabited it will not be easy for Aguinaldo to support his followers there. Besides being cut off from the sea, he has left the railroads far behind. It is possible for him to make use of the streams and rivers, and his natural outlet is at Apari, situated at the mouth of the Oagayan River. To this point a sufficient force will be sent to intercept him should he attempt to escape.

Kimberley, Mafeking and Ladysmith

The latest news available from these beleaguered cities is from four to fourteen days old, and strictly censored by the British War Office. The English people are much relieved by the welcome announcement that at least eight transports, carrying about eight thousand men, have arrived at Cape Town. Five of these were at once ordered around to Durban, and the arrival of two of them is reported. At least seven thousand more men ought to reach the Cape before the end of the present week; some of these will undoubtedly be ordered to Durban, for the relief of Ladysmith. Unless the emergency is extreme, it is not believed that Gen. Buller will make any movement towards raising the siege of Ladysmith until full preparation has been made. Gen. Joubert occupies the hills overlooking and commanding the Colenso bridge across which the relief column must needs move. Every day lessens the chances of a successful attack by the Boers on any of the invested cities, and if Gen. Joubert ever contemplated an advance to Pietermaritzburg he must needs see that this is now impossible unless the British make a stupendous blunder.

The news from Mafeking is fourteen days old. Although the Boers have been active at this point they do not seem to have seriously imperiled the safety of the city. It was feared for a time that it would be compelled to surrender, but as it is on the railroad, and only 370 miles from DeAar Junction—the rendezvous for the western division of the British army—the Boers will have to take it very soon if they are to do it at all.

Kimberley is following the tactics of the other beleaguered cities and keeping the Boers busy repulsing frequent sorties, which, while they avail little in the way of relieving the city, suffice to keep the Boers on the alert to guard against surprises. As a rule they have retired at the advance of the British, evidently hoping to repeat the success which attended this strategy during the early days of the investment of Ladysmith; but they have failed in this. The most serious danger is from lack of

provisions, and it is understood that the garrison and the population have been placed on shortened rations.

A small force, composed of Transvaal and Free State burghers, with three guns, a supply of dynamite and six hundred horses, is reported to have crossed the Orange River for the invasion of Cape Colony. Allwal North is said to be invested, and a detachment of burghers is reported moving in the direction of Queenstown which the British occupied on retreating from Stormberg. Although many of the Dutch in Cape Colony are in sympathy with their brethren of the Transvaal, there does not appear to be any danger of an uprising as long as British troops are everywhere in evidence.

As to the fighting that has actually taken place during the week, it has accomplished little, unless the results have been minimized by the British censors. Some of it has been fierce and hot, but for the most part only small bodies of troops have been engaged.

The above is a brief outline of the present status. Except for the arrival of troops from Great Britain, it does not differ very much from the condition of affairs a week ago. Things may continue as they are for one, two or three weeks longer; but just as soon as the British are ready, there will be a vigorous advance.

Events Worth Noting

The result of the election in Kentucky is still in doubt; armed men of both political parties are watching the counting of votes.

Fourteen inches of snow fell in Waterville, Maine, on Saturday and Sunday.

The United States Steamer Charleston, a protected cruiser of 3,730 tons, is reported wrecked on a reef off the northwest coast of Luzon; all hands saved. No further particulars are yet at hand.

The National Municipal League is in session at Columbus, Ohio, this week. A "municipal program" is the chief topic of interest.

The French Chamber of Deputies and the German Reichstag meet this week. The French Ministry will make every effort to continue in power.

The Czar of Russia, accompanied by the Czarina, paid a visit to the Emperor William at Potsdam last week. The Czar is said to have been unsuccessful in an attempt to float a Russian loan in Germany.

King Oscar of Sweden and Norway has been chosen to arbitrate the claims for damages preferred by the inhabitants of Samoa on account of the military operations last spring.

According to the report of Senor Capote, 282 towns and hamlets were wiped out during the last war in Cuba, and the population of the island is less by 314,000 than it was in 1887.

The 43d Volunteer Regiment of Infantry left Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, Monday afternoon, for New York; there they will be embarked on board the transport *Madame* bound to the Philippines.

LOVED INTO LOVING

THE great secret of God's method with men is that He loves them into loving. There is no other force so mighty as love, and nothing else so contagious. It is the royal law of the Christian life because it has been the regal force in God's dealing with His children. Having been won to the Father by the Father's love, the child is bound by the very nature of the new life to show the same love to others.

And this is just as practical a law for the conduct of home. The love of a mother for her child is the great example and sanction of the love of the children one for another. Here in the home it is an indisputable fact that we are loved into loving. And business, which is supposed to be the sphere least subject to the sway of altruistic law, is no less subject to the general principle. Every employer can do more by love, which is always just, than he can by the rigorous enforcement of definite rules. Workmen are loved into loving the work they do and into placing the interests of their employers first. In fact, there is no department of our complex life which is not subject to this spiritual and natural law — we love because He first loved us.

PRESERVING MORAL DISTINCTIONS

IT is the laudable work of charity to cover a multitude of sins. But there is a point at which apology becomes ridiculous, and the preservation of moral distinctions must be urged with all the strength of a man's soul. Right and wrong may be difficult to distinguish by hard and fast lines in certain few fields. In general, however, the issues between good and evil are clear enough to the person who is honest in his convictions and consistent in his practice. But there is a tendency in Virtue to go a-hobnobbing with Vice until he loses the color of his own livery. And the dear old saint does this under the impression that he is being very catholic, very fraternal and very pious in the foolish business. Hence there is sore need nowadays that Virtue stiffen up its spine, call things by their right name, and dare something in the name of God and goodness. We are not so very proud of the fact that a modern imprecation psalm cannot be written if that fact is due to the loss of those mighty columnar convictions which lay behind the malediction. Paul wrote the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians; but there is the hot word "anathema" in his letters. Love is not the lamb attribute that shrinks and suffers alone; it is martial. It can apologize; but it can make a fighting speech, and it can deliver a blow through the joints in the harness of error.

The fact is, sin is sin, in high places and in low. And there is only one way to deal with the fact. We must preserve our distinctions, call things by their right names, remembering that the gentlest Lover of men knotted His whip of small cords to purge His Father's house when it had become a den of

thieves, and dared say "Hypocrite" when the rebuke was merited. We believe in the grace of the withheld judgment and the beauty of love's apology; but we believe in the eternal difference between right and wrong, and in the championship of truth against falsehood in its age-long contest.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

THE disagreeable conclusion is forced upon us that our church is making little or no progress. The last two years, in point of numbers, we have barely held our own. Revivals are sporadic and not far reaching, much less are they continuous. Evidently the outlook is not reassuring. It is high time the question should be asked: Who is responsible?

It is a short answer to say, as some do, that the preachers are the responsible parties. Doubtless they are in a measure, but they are not alone. Possibly if they were all they should be, it would vastly help in changing the present deplorable condition of affairs. It is to be hoped that the preachers will recognize the duties which devolve upon them and seek by every means to perform them in the love and fear of God.

But the truth will still remain that every member of our church measurably is responsible for existing facts and conditions. High or low, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, well or sick, at home or abroad, without question immense responsibility rests upon each person. The individual cannot be lost in the aggregate. A single cold-hearted, worldly, backslidden member will in part account for our failures as a church. The smallest fly helps to spoil the largest vase of ointment. The trouble with the average church member is that he loses sight of his direct and personal accountability to God for all he does and all he might do; for both his sins of omission and commission. When the worldly and backslidden are numbered by tens if not by hundreds of thousands, and every one of them is guilty of the violation of the solemn vows made when entering the church, it must be that these people have a fearful responsibility resting upon them. It was just such people as these that called forth those words of awful import: "Curse ye Meroz, curse bitterly, because they came not up to the help of the Lord." The people that will not accept the call of God to full and faithful service are and must be responsible for every defeat that comes to the army of the Lord.

But Methodist office-bearers must be held responsible beyond the rank and file. When stewards and class-leaders and Sunday-school and Epworth League officers see and feel their proper measure of responsibility and come into right relations with God, each one going to work in his appointed place, then we shall see a wondrous change. Such officials will lift the preacher out of himself. They will be a power in any community. They will plan for a revival, and, laying aside all worldly cares and business as far as possible, will devote themselves to the work of winning souls. These officials

are the leaders of the churches. If they are weak, cold, careless, inefficient, what can be expected of those who are not leaders? If there was ever a time when these nominal leaders ought to be real leaders, that time is the present. Vast responsibilities confront them; they cannot be ignored, they cannot be refused. They must accept them and discharge them in the fear of God if they would see the church come up out of the wilderness.

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

AS announced in a recent issue, the Board of Control is to meet in Cincinnati, Nov. 22, to reconsider the case of Secretary Schell. Without inquiring what new facts might be elicited by a rigorous examination of witnesses, we call attention to the facts already known and undisputed; and these, unless explained or explained away, make only one judgment possible.

The Board of Control at its previous meeting found Secretary Schell guilty of "serious official wrong." That "wrong" consisted in using his official position for his personal gain. In pursuit of this end he made the well-known contract with E. O. Excell, which we reproduce: —

Chicago, March 5th, 1897.

For value received I (E. O. Excell) promise to pay to Edwin A. Schell one-fourth of the royalty I shall receive from the Western Methodist Book Concern on "Songs for Young People" (copyrighted 1897 by the Western Methodist Concern) after deducting fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00), money expended on permissions, etc. It is further agreed that if I (E. O. Excell) shall desire to continue these same relations with Edwin A. Schell on future books to be edited by me for the Western Methodist Book Concern, I (E. O. Excell) shall have the option of so doing, and the said Edwin A. Schell hereby agrees to turn over all future song books that he may be able to secure to said E. O. Excell from the Western Methodist Book Concern, provided said E. O. Excell shall so desire and request; and for all future books so secured, I (E. O. Excell) agree to pay to said Edwin A. Schell one-fourth of all the royalty received from books so secured.

E. O. EXCELL. EDWIN A. SCHELL.

This is the sort of contract which is called Crokerism or Tammanyism in the political world, and which in the business world would lead to the instant dismissal of the contractor from any position of trust and honor.

When the Western Book Agents got wind of the arrangement, they could not be persuaded to take a genial and good-natured view of the matter, and exposure resulted. Then the technicality was raised that the published book was not official at all, but a purely private matter. This, of course, was a late invention, as in that case there would have been no "serious official wrong," so far as that book was concerned. But this device led to the prompt discovery that Dr. Schell had freely advertised it as official and "as authorized by the General Cabinet," and had urged the young people to be loyal to their own official book. One of these advertisements contained the declaration: "The superannuated preachers of the church are the only persons to profit from the sale of one-half or three-quarters of a million copies." For advertising pur-

poses, then, it was plainly an official book. A defender of Dr. Schell and member of the Board of Control, when pressed with this point, declared that "the book was and was not official" — a highly ingenious turn.

These are the undeniable and undeniable facts of the case; and it is with them that the Board of Control have to deal. They clearly point to a consuming greed, a weak sense of veracity, and a low sense of official and personal honor. They reveal in a church officer a code of morals which would not be tolerated in secular life, and are a grievous scandal in the eyes of honest men. And the pressing question is whether such a man can be retained and tolerated in his public position. The previous leniency of the Board has been interpreted by many of our best men to mean that Crokerism is rampant among our officials, and that they are more concerned to administer the affairs of the church in the interest of individuals than to conserve its good name and honor. We hope that this interpretation is mistaken, but there is no doubt that there is a growing feeling of indignation at anything that looks like the condoning of wrong-doing at the expense of righteousness and the honor of the church.

We think the Board in its previous action failed to make the necessary distinction between the man and the official. Their sympathy for the man did them credit, but we must distinguish between forgiving the man and forgiving the official. When the man repents and retires, he may be forgiven, provided he remains in retirement. But officials are not to be forgiven, especially when they insist on holding their place. There has been far too much of this easy forgiveness of officials of late. Something is due to the church and to the moral decenter, and to those who will be influenced by the example, as well as to the feelings of the official himself.

Which leads to a final reflection: No honorable man would wish his son to take Dr. Schell for a model. No friend of the Epworth League would think of urging the members to pattern after their secretary. No lover of our church likes to think of him as a leader of our young people and a sample of Methodist ethics. The pestilence of such a presence cannot be too soon removed.

Religious Delusions

TO try to save good people from the delusions of religious enthusiasts and extremists, is a vain effort. The public press is now picturing the pitiable plight of a band of religious pilgrims who sold their property and went to Jerusalem to witness the second coming of Christ and "to be caught up with Him." "The pilgrims are crowded into one small house. They are penniless and ill, but they are still hopeful that the Lord will come and they are waiting." These people were led into their delusion and folly by a woman who had received special visions and messages from the Lord.

Last week the editor was visited by a woman who wanted to raise \$10,000 for a charitable purpose which she desired to put before the readers of the HERALD in an extensive appeal. When questioned as to her credentials and authority for launching such an enterprise and for soliciting public

charity, she fell back with much assurance upon the declaration that God had specially bidden her to do it and had raised her up from a long illness for that very purpose. Judge of our surprise when we learned that this woman, who was responsible to no one and recommended by no one, was allowed to present her cause in one of the leading Congregational churches of this city and to solicit funds from the congregation. Our experience with this visitor reminds us of the reply of one of our Bishops to a woman who called upon him for advice, but who proceeded at once to inform him that the Lord had told her just what to do. The Bishop replied: "I always decline to interfere in a case where the Lord has spoken."

PERSONALS

— Rev. F. H. Wright, of Sparta, Wis., will shortly sail for Rome to work in our Italian Mission.

— President Goucher on a recent Sunday at Centre St. Church, Cumberland, Md., secured a collection of \$1,000 for the Woman's College of Baltimore.

— Rev. Ernest S. Lyons, an Evanston graduate, sails this month for Singapore, Malaysia, to become principal of our Anglo-Chinese College in that city.

— Mrs. Newton, of Batavia, Ill., gives \$10,000 to build an observatory for Allegheny College as a memorial to her husband, the late Captain D. C. Newton, a former student of the institution.

— By the will of the late Jeremiah Clark, of Lowell, Lasell Seminary has received \$1,000, the income of which will be used in partly defraying the school expenses of those who are not able to meet the entire cost.

— The *Pittsburg Christian Advocate* of last week observes: "Dr. S. H. Day, of Greenville, Pa., accompanied by his wife, spent the early part of this week in this city, visiting the Carnegie library and art gallery."

— Says the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* of last week: "The work on Madison (Wis.) District is being taken up by Rev. H. W. Bolton, D. D., new presiding elder, in a genuine revival spirit. Revivals are on the program for every pastor and every church."

— Rev. C. E. Davis, of First Church, Lynn, presented to a large congregation last Sunday morning the subject of the "Mormon Monster," showing very forcefully why Brigham H. Roberts should not be allowed to take his seat in Congress. A good report of his sermon address appears in the *Boston Herald* of Nov. 13.

— Rev. P. Mason Frost, of the New Hampshire Conference, died very suddenly at his home in Haverhill on Monday, Nov. 6. Mr. Frost began his ministry in the Vermont Conference in 1874, and was popular and successful in his work. He was transferred to the New Hampshire Conference in 1884 and stationed at Nashua. He was afterwards stationed at Lebanon, Littleton, Haverhill (Wesley Church), and Newport. In 1894 he took a supernumerary relation on account of illness and continued in that relation to the time of his death. He leaves a wife and children.

— Our readers will be interested in this personal mention from the New York Observer: "The venerable Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, now eighty-eight years of age, had the joy recently of being present at the ordination of his son, Rev. Christopher R. Hamlin, over the Congregational Church at Canton Centre, Conn., and of offering the ordaining prayer. Dr. Hamlin is well known as the first president of Robert College. There is only one

Dr. Hamlin among the missionaries to Turkey. His bow still abides in strength, and his mind follows with alert interest all the changing phases of the Eastern question, and a good many other questions besides."

— Secretary A. B. Leonard of our Missionary Society last week met representatives of the missionary societies of other leading denominations, to consider the recent action of the Japanese Government which prohibits its religious teaching in the schools of Japan.

— At the home of the bride in Alton, Maine, Nov. 8, Miss Mary Estelle Small, daughter of Rev. Samuel M. Small, of the East Maine Conference, was united in marriage with Mr. Charles Henry Kirby, of Alton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Frank Haley, president of East Maine Conference Seminary.

— Dr. Munger, in his very interesting and instructive biography of Horace Bushnell, says of him: "There was an ethical cleanness in the man in all things that played back and forth between his life and his thought, lending reality to each. He taught the people that the only way to secure the greatest good was along the path of absolute righteousness, and not in vain attempts to measure consequences."

— Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kansas, author of "In His Steps" and many other kindred volumes, whose working slogan in all is, "More Christianity in More Christians," has just revised the "Apostles' Creed" for use in his church. The old creed, he says, in referring to the matter, has simply been stripped of obsolete forms. "The new one is couched in simpler language and made so that every word of it may be understood by a child."

— The *Christian Intelligencer* of last week says: "Though a centenarian, Mr. George Blakeman, of Derby, Conn., is still hale and hearty. He celebrated his one hundredth birthday on the 10th of October. When asked how he managed to live so long, he replied: 'I've just lived natural-like, as God intended men should live. We can't make a bonfire of our vitality in youth and expect it to burn just as brightly in old age, with no fuel left. The slow fire lasts longest.'"

— This office was favored last week with a call from Hon. John Field, of Philadelphia. He is president of the National Association of Credit Men, and was the guest, on Friday evening, the 10th, of the Credit Men's Association of Boston. At a banquet at Hotel Bellevue he made an address which was highly appreciated. The *Boston Journal* says: "President Field suggested that a fund be established for the suppression of fraudulent business men, and his idea received hearty approval." How would it do for the Methodist Episcopal Church to make some new and special endeavor "for the suppression of fraudulent business men?" Shall we permit the standards of business to rise to a higher level of practical righteousness than those of the church?

— At sunset on Sabbath evening, Nov. 5, Mrs. Nancy S. Bullens, aged ninety years and seven months, entered peacefully into rest from her home in Newton. She had been a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for more than sixty years, having been formerly connected with the Perkins St. Church in Chicopee, her native place, until she removed to Newton in 1868. Her life was exemplary and full of good deeds and loving kindness. Her faith in her Saviour was steadfast, and it was with eagerness she awaited the final summons, almost her last words being, "I'm going home." Three children survive her — Geo. S. Bullens, with whom she has resided for many years, Mrs. Katharine B. Bradley, and

Albert N. Bullens, all of Newton. The interment was in the family lot in Chicopee.

— Mrs. Almira C. Edson, wife of Rev. Edward Edson, of the New England Southern Conference, passed away, Nov. 8, from her home in Yarmouthport. The bereaved husband writes: "Our home is desolate and our hearts sad, but the God of all comfort holds us up."

BRIEFLETS

The fall conventions of churches in Maine report a declension in membership.

The *Michigan Christian Advocate* puts it strongly but well in saying: "The Methodist Church has sent 618 evangelists out in this State to save men. If they do not succeed they ought to explain to the church why they failed. It will be no excuse that these men are not called evangelists, but preachers."

The longer the waiting, the sweeter the blessing.

The flood of resolutions which continues to pour into this office from Epworth League conventions and preachers' meetings, shows how profoundly our people feel concerning Secretary Schell's "serious official wrong," and that they will be satisfied with nothing less than his removal.

It is better to read one thoroughly good book ten times than ten indifferent books ones.

Competent judges who are reading Prof. C. W. Bishell's work on "Foundations of the Christian Faith"—Vol. IX in the "Library of Biblical and Theological Literature," edited by Bishop Hurst—speak in high praise of it. The book will soon receive in our Book Table the critical attention which it demands.

There are some things that belong to us, and others to which we belong. Character consists in getting complete mastery of life, in place of partial mastery.

We have neither heard nor read anything more impressive or convincing of the general and very determined conviction of the church at large than the following note just received from a representative minister in one of our patronizing Conferences: "I commend the *exposé* of the Schell matter in the *HERALD*, and trust that the proper disposition will be made of it by the Board of Control. A lady said to me, whose son is in a bank, and is also the president of the local Epworth League, 'I want a man at the head of the Epworth League whose business methods my son can safely follow.'"

Moral philosophy is simply religion without its wings.

One of our successful young ministers, fashioned by Boston University with its splendid tolerance for variant ideas, sends the following illustration of the fact that "Men may differ and still be friends:" "Justin McCarthy, M. P., in the *Independent* of Sept. 7, in an article headed, 'Lord Salisbury and Herbert Gladstone,' says: 'I do not suppose he [Lord Salisbury] has ever made a personal enemy. For myself I can say that I do not suppose I have a single idea in common on any political question with Lord Salisbury, or that I have ever given a vote in the House of Commons which could have been in accord with his political pur-

poses; and yet I have always felt the highest respect and honor for the man himself.'"

It is little wonder that eyes are beautiful, they see so much of beauty in God's creation.

The following temperance pledge is exacted by President Raymond, of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., from every student beneficiary: "On consideration of receiving aid from the college in the form of a scholarship, covering all or part of the charge for tuition, I hereby promise that while I hold such a scholarship I will not visit a saloon nor indulge in the use of intoxicating liquors."

If you want to help any one to be better, treat him as if he had already attained a higher plane of life. Nothing compels a man upward like the stimulus of respect.

Truth belongs only to those who can accept it.

Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke, in his written resignation of the pastorate of the Brick Church, New York, which he has served for seventeen years, pens this characteristically practical and modest statement concerning himself: "I have been simply the servant of the church in the name of Jesus Christ. For the privilege of holding the place so long, for the health and strength needed to meet its severe demands, and for the kindness which has guided me through its perils and perplexities without making worse mistakes, I shall always be grateful."

Always take time to do your best. Borrow time from eternity, if you have to, since your best is for eternity.

We confess to a feeling of humiliation as we read the following fact under the head of "St. Joseph Jottings," in our worthy contemporary, the *St. Louis Christian Advocate* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: "The brethren of our sister Methodism are very aggressive. They are zealous. Within less than two blocks of the Gooding Church is going up a little frame building. Everything is harmonious, and the ground is well-covered. The leaders have expressed before that they wanted to see the rite of matrimony solemnized between our great churches. This last move is doubtless with a view to courtship. Does such action foretell organic union?" This means that our denomination, in order to assert itself, proceeds to erect a new edifice within a stone's throw of our sister church. Let us either cease talking fraternity, or forever put a stop to these flagrant violations of its true spirit.

Even God cannot make a rainbow without the rain.

Science goes to infinite lengths in anticipating truth from mere glimpses of it. Why should religion be condemned for doing the same thing?

We have been wholly at a loss to understand the peculiar and apologetic course of the editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* in the Schell case. That some unusual pressure was brought to bear upon him, is evident from the positively reliable report just received, that he has repeatedly, in private conversation, condemned "the serious official wrong" of the General Secretary with unsparring severity. When at last the church is relieved of its disgrace—as we trust it will soon be by the Board of Control—perhaps our *confère* will take occasion to vindicate himself in this matter and also to explain why he so grossly violated all

rules of journalistic courtesy in his treatment of the editor of *ZION'S HERALD*.

One harmonious human life makes sweeter the music of the spheres.

Dean Farrar, in his new volume just from the press of Dodd, Mead & Company, on "Texts Explained," so revelatory and luminous and especially helpful in sermonic suggestions, says of Paul's condemnation of formalism: "Christianity can never win its final victory in the world until the Christian world, stripping from itself the paraphernalia of foundationless externalism and alien accretions, learns that what God requires of us is simply 'to do justice, and love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.' The only ritual for which God cares is *righteousness*."

There is one fact stated in the New Testament which we think was of unspeakable comfort to the Great Teacher—"the common people heard Him gladly." Hugh Price Hughes says: "He was the first who ever lived to love and comfort people. He came to save the dumb, incoherent, helpless multitude. It is a remarkable fact that on almost every occasion on which the evangelist states that Jesus Christ saw a 'multitude,' he adds that Jesus Christ 'had compassion' on them." Now, whatever impression the disciple of Christ may make upon the cultured classes in the community, he has profound reason to question whether he possesses the real mind of Christ if he is not attracting the common people to Him.

Thirty-nine graduates of Ohio Wesleyan University are members of the Cincinnati Conference.

It will be a great achievement when the religious press, even, shall learn to tell the exact truth. This, at least, the reader has the right to expect and to demand. The simple fact is, however, that in reports of religious meetings, and especially of sermons and addresses, there is usually no critical and just estimate of the preacher or speaker, but a great amount of conventional misrepresentation. The most ordinary sermon or address, even if indifferent or a failure, is often characterized as profound and eloquent. But not so did the *Christian World* of London in its report of the sermon of the distinguished Rev. Dr. Albert Goodrich at the recent annual meeting of the Congregational Union at Manchester, Eng. It says of him: "So far from being at his best, we should be disposed to say that he barely reached what to him would be a normal level. The audience was in turn intent and comparatively listless, faithfully reflecting the inequality of the sermon. One is bound to record the impression that the sermon was a disappointment. As a matter of fact, it struck on the rock which has wrecked so many 'special' sermons—anxiety to sweep too large a circle."

No meeting of the official representatives of the denomination was ever awaited with more anxious and determined expectation by our ministers and membership, and particularly by the business men of the church, than the gathering of the Board of Control of the Epworth League which is to assemble at Cincinnati, Nov. 22. The Board is constituted as follows:—

Appointed by the Bishops: Bishop W. X. Ninde, Detroit, Mich., president. *Ministers*—Rev. W. I. Haven, New York city; Rev. J. H. Coleman, D. D., Albany, N. Y.; Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, D. D., South Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. E. M. Mills, D. D., Elmira, N. Y.; Rev. S. O. Royal, D. D., Troy, O. *Laymen*—R. R. Doherty, New York city; W. L. Wood-

cock, Altoona, Pa.; John A. Patten, Chattanooga, Tenn.; F. A. Chamberlain, Minneapolis, Minn.; C. E. Piper, Chicago, Ill.; L. J. Norton, Napa, Cal.; R. S. Copeland, M. D., Ann Arbor, Mich.; H. A. Schroetter, Covington, Ky.; F. D. Fuller, Topeka, Kan.

Elected by the General Conference Districts: First District, Charles B. Magee, Boston, Mass.; Second District, Rev. E. S. Osborn, D. D., Yonkers, N. Y.; Third District, Rev. S. A. Morse, D. D., Corning, N. Y.; Fourth District, F. W. Tunnell, Germantown, Pa.; Fifth District, B. E. Helman, Cleveland, O.; Sixth District, Rev. M. M. Alston, Griffin, Ga.; Seventh District, Rev. W. D. Parr, D. D., Fort Wayne, Ind.; Eighth District, Rev. J. B. Albrook, D. D., Mount Vernon, Ia.; Ninth District, Rev. W. H. Jordan, D. D., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Tenth District, B. L. Paine, M. D., Lincoln, Neb.; Eleventh District, Rev. J. W. Van Cleave, East St. Louis, Ill.; Twelfth District, Rev. Frank Gary, Galveston, Tex.; Thirteenth District, Rev. William Koenek, D. D., Belleville, Ill.; Fourteenth District, Rev. J. W. Bennett, Bozeman, Mont.

OUR CHICAGO LETTER

"QUERO."

"QUERO" wrote in such haste, in his first and last letter, that he made no bow and offered no words of self-introduction. He makes now a formal bow and tells his readers that his name is "Quero." He introduces himself as a member of the Rock River Conference and as an active pastor of a church on one of the Chicago Districts. "Quero" is not sensational in his preaching; he will not be in his letters. He has never dipped his pen in the ink of vitriol, nor in the honey of flattery. He will not begin now. He asks the help of his brethren. They can give it by talking freely in his presence—praising, criticizing, informing, condemning. He thanks them for the freedom that is theirs because of the veil of his *nom de plume*. Therefore, he uses it.

The Preachers' Meeting and the Social Union have elected officers for the ensuing year. Dr. J. P. Brushingham, pastor of First Church, will preside over the weekly sessions of the preachers. Mr. John Farson, a member of the Oak Park Church, a banker and philanthropist, will preside over the gatherings of the Social Union.

Chicago Methodists are to have an Old Folks' Home. The plans are elaborate. One of the three buildings is in process of erection; the foundation is in. Mr. W. H. Bush, a wealthy piano manufacturer and a member of Grace Church, has donated the site and \$20,000.

We are waiting in this city for our many other rich Methodists to administer their estates. There are down-town churches to be endowed. There are homes to be endowed. Our Methodist laymen have the money. When will they waken to the shame of post-mortem beneficence?

At a recent meeting of the Rock River delegates to the General Conference an expression was had as to the individual choice of committees in which they would serve. Dr. P. H. Swift, who leads the delegation, chose the Episcopacy. William Deering, who was the first elected lay delegate, chose the Freedmen's Aid. B. F. Sheets, the other elected lay delegate, chose the Book Concern.

Several Chicago preachers who do not have their hours occupied in their regular preaching and pastoral work, are preparing for their annual winter lecturing tours. The dodgers, which cry their subjects and advertise their solicited press commendations, are already on their missionary journeys. "Quero" wonders if some of these dear brethren could not increase their benevolences and improve their sermons and multiply their conversions by giving them-

selves, body, soul, and spirit, to the churches to which they are sent and by which they are paid!

Speaking of preacher lecturers, I quote here from a recent sermon delivered by one and reported by him to the daily press. The text was Nehemiah 8: 4: "The ideal pulpit throbs with expansion, as we understand it, with the multiplication of hallowed emotions to win men. This has not been the quality of the pulpit in all ages. Neither has it been as brave in the denunciation of sin; rather inclined to take the silver trowel of the master mechanic and daub with much untempered mortar. The pulpit in which Ezra stood was potent with expansion. It was mellow, ripe, and reached all the people. It startled the vast auditory, caused them to put the gospel plow in beam deep. Our Master was a seasoned mechanic," etc., etc.

The foregoing is from the pen of the preacher who said in an impassioned speech on the Conference floor that "our hands are chained by these millstones about our necks." This brother can be had for one or for ten lectures.

Dr. Frank Crane is filling his church at Hyde Park. Dr. W. O. Shepard is greeted with large congregations at Emanuel, in Evanston. A very successful revival is now in progress at St. James under the leadership of Rev. Thomas Harrison. St. James is the "rich" Methodist church in Chicago. Dr. McIntyre is its pastor. Dr. W. H. Burns and wife expect to spend a year of rest in doing Europe. Rev. T. V. E. Sweet, presiding elder of Freeport District, died, Nov. 7, at his home in Freeport. Mr. Sweet was ill in bed at the late session of Conference. Dr. G. R. Van Horn has been appointed by Bishop Hurst to fill the vacancy on the district. In 1884 Dr. Van Horn was made presiding elder of Rockford District, a post he filled for five years. From 1889 to 1895 he officiated as the presiding elder of Dixon District, and left that work to become the agent of Jennings Seminary. Three years ago he was elected corresponding secretary of the conference of domestic missionary societies, and in that capacity he continued until last year, when he was made the evangelist of the Conference. Dr. A. W. Patten, recently inducted into the chair of Systematic Bible study in Northwestern University, is giving a series of lectures on the Bible at Centenary Church.

A good many have wondered why our Theological School at Evanston does not do more in the way of lectures on the Bible and on Christian Evidences or on kindred themes. The Moody Institute gathers an audience of one thousand and more, three nights each week, to hear Dr. Newell, and to study with him the Acts of the Apostles. Dr. Willett, of the Chicago University, goes to Evanston to deliver a course of eight lectures on "The History of Prophecy." Why should not our professors and doctors of sacred history and theology inaugurate a course of lectures and studies that will be productive of incomparable good for the church and the city? The "our" is emphasized. The Moody Institute is doing a work that our church and schools could do more rationally, and ought to do.

Wabash Avenue Church, one of the down-town churches of our city, is experimenting. At least, it is an experiment in Chicago. Mr. H. F. Ward and Rev. G. D. Cleworth were appointed thereto as pastors at the late session of Conference. Mr. Ward has been an active worker for several years at the Northwestern University Settlement. He takes to Wabash Avenue the experience and the wisdom acquired by actual contact in Settlement work. Mr. Hugh Wilson, a

prominent layman of Evanston, pays the salary of Mr. Ward for the ensuing year. Mr. Cleworth has been pastor of the Ada Street Church. He graduated from Northwestern University last June, taking the \$100 prize in the Kirk oratorical contest. He is evangelistic, enthusiastic, and optimistic. The City Missionary Society is behind Mr. Cleworth. The two types of men suggest the work that is to be attempted. There will be an effort to carry out the plans of the Settlement work, plus the positive evangelizing of all the work. The church will be known as the Open Church from this date. It will be divided in its work into departments: Monday night, open parliament; Tuesday night, free lectures, at which local and foreign lecturers will speak; Wednesday night, regular prayer-meetings; Thursday night, open church settlement at parish-house; Friday night, old-fashioned preaching services; Saturday night, free, high-class concerts. A free reading-room is to be installed. A boys' gymnasium club will be organized. Instruction will be given in literary work, sewing, cooking, and industrial branches. Sunday night will be devoted to special services on living issues. A boys' vested choir will furnish the music.

Dr. C. J. Little took the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* to task recently for speaking of the Conference action in the Curtis-Caldwell matter as an "acquittal." Of course it was not in any sense an acquittal. Dr. Curtis and Dr. Caldwell admitted their wrong-doing; therefore they could not be acquitted. The Conference accepted their statements as a confession, and could do no more than punish or pardon them. It did both.

And now we here in Chicago are waiting for the action of the Board of Control, in its coming meeting, in the Schell case. Mr. Charles E. Piper, formerly next-door neighbor of Dr. Schell in Borwyn, has been heard. He seems to think, strangely enough, for he is somewhat of a lawyer as well as politician, that he can wash his neighbor by throwing the befouled water on Dr. Jennings. But he has failed. Dr. Caldwell tried to whitewash Dr. Schell by blackening Dr. Curtis. But Dr. Caldwell failed. Mr. McLennan has been heard in his "open letter." He seems to think, strangely enough, for he is somewhat of a logician as well as preacher, that he can wash his neighbor by throwing the dirty water on the editor of *ZION'S HERALD*. But he has failed.

"Quero" does not write it with gladness, but with deep regret and with great sorrow: The members of Rock River Conference are almost a unit in their agreement that the Board of Control can take only one action when it meets in Cincinnati, viz.: It must remove Dr. Schell, and it must declare to the church by resolutions of censure its condemnation of his official wrong-doing. And the members of Rock River Conference whose opinions are valued for their fairness and whose judgments are of worth for their weight, are one in their declaration that the Board of Control must summon for its examination Dr. Jennings, Dr. Curtis, E. O. Excell, and all others who have any knowledge of competent facts, *pro* or *con*.

It seems almost needless to make these statements. It is surely impossible that the emphatic voice of the church will not be heard in the action of the Board of Control.

There are many here who insist that Dr. Jennings and others who are cognizant of all the facts in the Schell controversy, ought to demand a hearing of the Board, in case they are not summoned thereby. But they will be heard. The conscience of the church is aroused. They must be heard. The honor of the church is questioned; the ethical sense of the church is denied.

THE FLOWER OF FAME

He sought it before the billow of spring on
the meadow was seen,
When only the flush of the willow was
tracing the river with green;
He scanned to the edge of the fraying snows
that dappled the mountain slope,
And ever too late the March sun rose; for
he searched the world with hope.

I saw him at noon of the summer day, and
that was the favorite hour
To one who had hunted from March to May,
and never had found a flower;
For the light was full, as though the sun
were aiding his eager quest,
And there were no warning shadows to run
o'er his path from east to west.

And still in September's purple and gold he
was hunting the grudging ground,
But not with the steady eye of old or the
springtime's joyous bound.
If he stopped in his feverish roaming, 'twas
to question the darkening air;
Too early came the gloaming; he was
searching with despair.

And while, for a chance of the rarest, he
wanders in storm or heat,
He is blind to the charm of the fairest; he
is crushing beneath his feet
The Flower of Every Valley, the Flower of
All the Year,
Deep in whose broken blossom the dew lies
like a tear.

— ROBERT U. JOHNSON, in *Century*.

THE CRUX OF KRUGERISM

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The continuation of the story of South Africa, when written at no very distant period, will be an account of either brilliant successes or disastrous failures. There will be little of mediocrity in it. — *Theal* (1893).

VICTOR HUGO once said: "In the twentieth century Africa will be the cynosure of every eye." For twenty years the polar star of the treasure seeker has been blazing over the twentieth parallel of longitude (south) in the Dark Continent. Think of the fortunes of three men, Robinson, Barnato and Beit, which once aggregated \$645,000,000. Ten other men can now be named whose combined estates would climb into the dizzy figures of a thousand million. Imagine a pyramid of diamonds nine feet by nine at the base and rising six feet high, weighing fifteen tons and valued at \$375,000,000. That may represent the result of a comparatively few years of systematic mining. No doubt the world's gem casket has been found. To this wealth of jewels nature lavishly adds the golden ore. The output has reached \$22,500,000 in a single year, and Bryce guesses that three thousand five hundred million remain in the quartz reef. Add to this the steady profits of the more prosaic pursuits of farming, grazing, and copper and coal mining. Besides all this, the women of the world are actually carrying on their hats fifteen tons of feathers produced on the ostrich farms. The income from this item alone is \$2,000,000 per annum. The exports from this "wonder land" amounted, in the year 1893, to \$67,000,000. What wonder that the novelist's prophecy has had a premature fulfillment! Before the twentieth century Africa is the cynosure.

But other things than the glitter of

gold and diamonds concentrate the world's attention now. Bryce says, "No other British colony has compressed so much exciting history in the last sixty years;" and Lord Salisbury affirms that "Foreign politics means African politics." It is a superficial view which dismisses this sanguinary collision of British and Boer by calling it a crash between greed and obstinacy. It has been aptly said: "The whole of justice will not be found on either side."

The career of England in South Africa has, of course, not been above reproach, but "buccaneering" is rather too strong an epithet for it. The crown has usually measured up to the current standard of international honor, to say the least. Now the British find themselves dominant over a vast territory, 2,300,000 square miles, one-third of all European Africa. The population is polyglot — Dutch, German, French, besides native tribes, Bantu, mixed breeds, Asiatics, descendants of freed slaves, Hottentots, Romanists, Pagans, Mohammedans. England can no more retire honorably from the situation than the United States can from the Philippines. The territory would become a paradise of degenerate European freebooters who would despoil farmers and natives alike. Again, the Zulus and Kaffirs still need to be kept in check by an iron hand. The Boers themselves admit that the forcible annexation of the Free States to the English crown in 1877 saved them from obliteration. Withdrawal almost certainly means anarchy and internecine strife.

But the very cause which prevents England's retirement also requires that she shall be the dominant power in South Africa. A strong, continuous, semi-military dominion is the logic of the situation. The existence of the independent and recalcitrant States jeopardizes English supremacy. Wilkinson in his interesting volume fresh from the press says: "If there is to be a Boer nation in the Transvaal, it is impossible to suppress the aspiration of a Boer nation in Cape Colony." But these republics in the heart of a barbarous continent are the dreams of political idealists. They cannot exist without attachment of some kind to some world-power. Portugal and Holland, once dominant in these parts, have gone into desuetude. England has fallen heir to their responsibilities.

But the pitiful situation of the Boers challenges the sympathy of the world, and their prowess its admiration. *Theal* declares it the strangest sight of the century when in 1834 ten thousand Boers voluntarily surrendered their estates and struck out into the wilderness. After thrilling experiences and a trail of graves left behind them, the decimated band found a resting-place. Unhappily for them no sea separated them from their old environment, as in the case of our forefathers. It is upon them once more, and all the more odious because they have tasted the sweets of sovereignty. But this dearly-bought independence will now have to be surrendered because it puts in jeopardy the peace and security of a whole continent. It seems to be an instance where it is

better that one nation should suffer than that several nations should do so.

The trend of events is toward the unification of all South African States under the crown of England, and the evolution of a strong and prosperous province with as practical an independence as that of Canada or Australia, to which the Boers may some time be as loyally attached as the French of the Dominion now are to Victoria.

Cincinnati, O.

LECTURES ON PREACHING

Reported by REV. WILLIAM T. HILL.

[The following are two of the nine lectures in the Lyman Beecher (Yale) Course on Preaching, recently delivered by Dr. John Brown, of Bedford, England.]

Thomas Goodwin and the Cambridge Platonists

FOR characteristic types of the Puritans we might turn to Robert Bolton and Richard Sibbs, but still better to Thomas Goodwin. He filled positions of influence, such as preacher to the University, London pastor, and president of Magdalen College, Oxford. Receiving in 1647 an invitation from John Cotton, of Boston, to come and labor with him, he went so far as to secure his passage, but finally yielded to the importunities of those who appreciated his labors, and remained in England.

His life illustrates the truth that the preacher's religious experience decides his style of preaching. Owen preached earnestly to the understanding, Baxter preached more from the conscience, while Goodwin preached to the religious affections. He has told us how his experience influenced his preaching. He was laid hold of by an invisible hand from which he could not free himself. He tells us that when a youth he was urged to listen to a sermon which laid hold of his heart and conscience and changed all his life, leading him to a full surrender to Christ. "I felt myself as one struck down by a mighty power. A discovery was made to me of my lusts, etc. I was searched as with a lighted candle. As with the work of conviction, so in the work of deliverance, I was borne on by an assurance that God would forgive all my sins. After my surrender and consecration it seemed to me that I had but to stand still and see the salvation of God. I parted with my sins, and resolved never to return to them more. I counted the cost of the great alteration."

Possibly this may sound to us like old-world talk. But there is more in it of living reality than most are prepared to admit. His was a profound religious experience. Let us follow him a step further and see the effect on the deepest motive of his mind: "The University men were addicted to a kind of vain-glorious preaching, ornamenting their discourses with all sorts of flowers and wit; and, having been designed by my parents for the ministry, I took this as my pattern. But on my turning to God this seemed to me totally unprofitable, and I resolved to adopt quite another manner. Never was I afterward tempted to put in any of my withered flowers. I have preached what I thought truly edifying, either to establish believers or to convert sinners."

These thoughts are to be pondered by ministers. It is good for us to make bare our hearts before the Lord, and ask ourselves what we really preach for. Is it to get a living? to gratify a miserable vanity? to gain applause? or from any such unworthy motive? It is wise to examine ourselves. How a ministry based on unworthy motives must shrivel when we come before God in judgment! "The day shall declare it." "The fire shall prove each man's work."

There is a characteristic sermon of Good-

win entitled, "The Heart of Christ in Heaven to Sinners on Earth." It was to make men feel that Christ is a present help to men. Dr. Jowett asks: "Is it possible to realize the presence of Christ here?" and answers: "It is not." On the other hand, we are told in the Life of the late Dr. Dale that, as he was writing an Easter sermon, the thought of the risen Lord broke in upon him in such power that he stopped and cried out, "Christ is alive! Christ is alive!" He says: "I got up and shouted, 'Christ is living! Christ is living!'" It was as a new discovery. He says: "I feel sure of it. My people shall know it. I shall preach to them till they see it." This is what Thomas Goodwin did. His aim was, how to make the Christ of eternity a living presence.

The sermons of these men sought to produce divine results. They have an archaic appearance to us, as our sermons will have to the people of three centuries hence. No man can overstep the speech of his time. What we have to see to is that ours shall be as effective as theirs.

Now, by way of contrast, let me introduce to you a different school of thought — the Cambridge Platonists, or the Latitudinarians, such as Benjamin Whichcote, John Smith, and Henry More. They were all of Emmanuel College. There Bradshaw was bred. There Cromwell placed his son Henry. There John Howard was trained, and many others who sought freedom there. The year 1644 marks the rise of the new school of the Cambridge Platonists. John Cotton's cousin, Anthony Tuckney, and the men named above, very dear to each other, became leading spirits of the University. Benjamin Whichcote stood high in repute with the Puritan leaders of the time. Archbishop Tillotson tells us that Whichcote's sermons to the University contributed more than any others of his age to the formation of the characters of the young men. In preaching he used only short notes; and his sermons are printed from these or short-hand reports. So completely was Whichcote identified with the Puritans, that he shared their fate.

There were many attractive features about the Cambridge Platonists. They have left us a legacy of noble thoughts. They were strangers to gloom and clouds and darkness, and go on their way rejoicing, seeing the sparkling towers of the New Jerusalem. There was the first elaborate attempt, since the great Alexandrian teachers, to wed Christianity and philosophy. They taught that the highest truths of revelation are conformable to the highest reason in man. Did they succeed or fail? It is admitted that they formed no school and left no successors in the third generation. They merely strengthened that rationalism which nearly killed all spirituality. They mistook in not discriminating between reason and revealed truth. They said: "A man has as much right to use his reason in religious things as he has to use his eyes in moving through the world." We pause and dissent when they glorify reason as the voice of God. On philosophical grounds we say, with James Martineau, that the moral sentiments cannot be resolved in the mental apprehensions. These are different spheres. He meant by reason what Paul meant by wisdom. "Spiritual things are spiritually discerned." Coleridge said, "The Cambridge Platonists were not so much Platonists as Plotinists." The same thing was repeated in Florence when Platonism was revived. They thought to harmonize all the religions of the world, but forgot that homage paid to all religions was to deny each. Their subscription to the Thirty-nine Articles was like J. H. Newman's, making them what they wanted them to be. We may call it double dealing. Usher said: "We do not suffer any man to deny the Thirty-nine Articles, neither do we require any one to believe them."

All this shows that nothing permanently succeeds in preaching except setting forth the truth of God; that we must never set up our reasonings as the guide of men. "The word of the Lord endureth forever." Three times only has the effort been made to set up the speculations of men for the way of salvation, and three times have they failed. Men's passions and worldliness of heart are not to be overcome by any straws of our own making. A religion that can only live in the study and in the heights of intellectual speculation can never meet the wants of the soul. There is room and need in the pulpit for the loftiest learning and genius, but the world is to be saved by the Gospel which was first preached by uneducated fishermen.

John Bunyan as a Life Study for Preachers

HITHERTO we have followed the unfoldings of Puritanism to the middle of the seventeenth century. Today we come to the time of the Restoration in 1662. Puritanism has now come to be known as Non-conformity. The twenty-eight years between 1660 and 1688 may be styled the period of the wilderness wandering of the Episcopal Church, the heroic period of free church life. I propose to set before you for instruction some of the foremost of the preachers of that time, and first in order John Bunyan. For thirty five years I have had the honor to be the minister of the church of John Bunyan in Bedford, and may be presumed to have some insight of his character and work. He has been looked upon by many as simply a dreamer; but he was much more — a preacher of great power and usefulness, abundantly aided by a rich religious experience. He tarried long at Sinai, and entered into the kingdom of God through the wicket gate. So when he spoke, the hearts of men bent to his words as the corn bends before the wind. Bunyan was deeply learned in the nature of human souls, and had the art of laying hold of men. In his wonderful dream he has given us a conception of the office and work of the true minister. He scorned a carnal ministry. His was not ecclesiastical greatness, but greatness as dealing with human souls. His ideal was very high.

You remember that part of the "Pilgrim's Progress" where Christian arrives at the house of Interpreter and sees a picture of a "very grave person," with "eyes lifted up to heaven, the best of books in his hand, the law of truth written upon his lips, and the world behind his back. He stood as if he pleaded with men, and a crown of gold did hang over his head." When, twenty five years ago, a statue of Bunyan was erected in Bedford, the sculptor took this picture as his model. Thus in sculpture appears his ideal of a true minister.

The lecturer elaborated each of the above characteristics of the true minister, and then said to the students, in the words of Bunyan: "Take good heed to what I have showed you, and bear well in mind what you have seen, lest in your journey you meet with some that pretend to lead you right, but their way goes down to death."

Bunyan supplements that picture by varied characters. "Evangelist" personifies the preacher's work of proclaiming the great evangel, and pointing him who cries, "What must I do to be saved?" to the light divine. In "Watchful" we have the watchman of the community. He is to guard against the encroachments of the world upon the church and the Christian. If you bring the world into the church you have damaged the church and not blessed the world. The watchman must be a man among men, a consoler of sorrow, and a counselor of those who need. "Mr. Greatheart" is the servant of men and the guide of pilgrims amid the

perplexities of their way. Some men who are not ministers have this gift, and some ministers have it not. It comes with the process of years, with a deep personal heart experience. The man who can do this well must be both loving and wise. "Greatheart" must also be the warrior. The Church of England professes to place a gentleman in every parish. It may be safer for us to place there a true man, who shall show himself on the side of the oppressed. Everywhere there are powerful enemies, and this creates the need of defenders.

"Evangelist," "Watchful" and "Greatheart" give nearly Bunyan's idea of the Christian minister, but not quite. The rounded-out ministerial character includes "Knowledge," "Experience" and "Sincerity." The former three qualities are outward, these are inward. Knowledge and experience are to be had at a dear price, but are worth all they cost. Sincerity gives wonderful power over other hearts. People will let their minister say anything to them when they know that he is true and sincere and loves them. There will be no false fire in the sermons of such preachers.

Having thus given you Bunyan's ideal of the true minister, let us see how he tried to realize it in his ministry. He was a master of noble Saxon speech. He was bent on seeing spiritual truths and making others see them. The lithographed sermons in which some men deal would not answer his purpose. He sought to stand on reality. To him both sin and salvation were as real as the ground on which he stood. He says: "I preached what I saw and felt, and was as one sent to them from the dead." Here was the secret of his power. He presented the truth so as to make it both strike and stick. The important rule for us is to keep in touch with our hearers. There is nothing so unreal as to see a man speaking before his hearers and not to them. Said a patient, "Now, doctor, don't be professional, but tell me the truth." There are three kinds of preachers: first, preachers you cannot listen to; second, preachers you can listen to; and third, preachers you cannot help listening to. Bunyan belonged to the third class. A minister possessing his qualities will be listened to in this century. Simplicity and directness of speech are indispensable. It is a mark of real power that when you speak your hearer shall wonder that he never saw the uttered truth himself. I knew a man who said he could preach better than any man he ever heard, but that he was lost for words. Well, words are essential. There can be no better aim than the resolve that the common people shall hear us gladly. "Think with the wise," said Aristotle, "but speak with the common people."

Bunyan was never tedious. His characters amuse, and instruct, and leave their individuality upon you. It is well sometimes to have the moral courage to leave out something. Bunyan intentionally laid the chief stress on universal and essential truths. The "Pilgrim's Progress" acts as a religious bond for Christendom. It is one of the six books which have formed the character of the Anglo-Saxon race. His characters live still. We find among us now "Ignorance," "Pliable," and "Talkative." "Mr. Face-both-ways" was in the last English Parliament, and perhaps the last American Congress. "Mr. By-ends" still likes religion best in silver slippers. "Christian," "Faithful," "Hopeful," "Steadfast," "Fearing," and "Old Honest" — we know them all, for they are all with us, and all represent characters which are world-wide.

The truths which Bunyan delighted to preach are those which lay hold of and awaken the conscience. He never cared to meddle with controverted subjects. There is much of wisdom in keeping truth in true perspective. He aimed at central

things. He was no preacher of doubts. He says: "I have preached as if an angel of God stood by me. I could not be content to say I believe and am sure; I was more than sure." Here was his power as a preacher. There is a vain confidence of ignorance, and there is an outcry against dogmatism by men who are very sure. Some men fall because they are not sure enough, e. g., as to the authenticity and dates of certain books of Scripture. On central verities let there be no faltering speech or hesitation.

A word as to the way in which Bunyan realized his ideal ministry, not only in his work, but in his life. Long, weary years he spent in jail. In those days of persecution our fathers passed through stern discipline. Bunyan had heart sorrows over some who ran well, but fell back, and their loss was more to him than if his own children had gone to their graves. He was bitterly assailed by wicked men. He says: "What shall I say to those who have thus treated me? I find them to be an ornament and a blessing to me." You, young gentlemen, are not to be surprised if you meet with trouble. No man would be a better man by exemption therefrom. We need to be able to comfort others with the comfort wherewith we are comforted of God.

But there is a brighter side. The man who has love for his work will gather about himself so much kind feeling in others whom he has helped, that there may be showered upon him too much kindness. He will be sure, however, to find some one who will save him from being exalted above measure. This person has his one talent, and though you may wish that he had wrapped his talent in a napkin, still look upon him as one of your best friends. Do not try to run away from him to some other church. You will have joys as well as sorrows. If there are those whom you have helped, and if God blesses you with children in the faith, you will care very little for the troubles of the way.

Bunyan's experience is interesting to us in another way. Sometimes he feared he could not speak sense to the people. At such times he would be seized with such faintness that he could hardly walk. And sometimes after he had made considerable progress in his sermon he would become confused and "feel as if his head was in a bag." Remember that the people see the sermon as you do not. Sometimes when we think we have done no good, blessed results follow; and sometimes when we feel that we have been most successful, the fact is we have fished for nothing. Bunyan knew himself too well to be proud. When we are weak then are we strong. "Our sufficiency is of God." Such pastors and preachers as John Bunyan are needed in every age.

OUR BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON LETTER

REV. HUGH JOHNSTON, D. D.

BALTIMORE city churches are planning for a general revival. Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M., was set apart as a day of prayer and humiliation. Public services were held in different sections of the city at six churches, and the people were requested to attend the church most convenient. Each service was cared for by the ministers of the section of the city represented, and leaders were changed from hour to hour. The topics for the days were: 10 to 11, "Our Helper, God;" 11 to 12, "Confession;" 12 to 1, "Prayer for Cleansing;" 1 to 2, "Power of Prayer;" 2 to 3, "Prayer for the Indifferent in our Churches;" 3 to 4, "Prayer for the Unconverted;" 4 to 5, "Prayer for Service." Surely there is the sound of abundance of rain in these preparations. The very necessity for a revival implies the necessity for humiliation. Without

humiliation there can be no return of those gracious influences which flow from the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The saintly Payson used to precede his special services by holding preparatory meetings of his church for solemn humiliation before God, when he would confess his own sins first, then prompt his deacons to confess theirs also. And so he would lead the whole church to deep contrition and sorrow of soul before God. Surely we shall be visited with times of refreshing.

Already there are tidings of blessing and salvation. Rev. Joseph Dawson, of Guilford Avenue, has had three weeks of fruitful services. Rev. Charles D. Smith, my assistant at Oxford, has been engaged in special efforts; and on Sunday, Nov. 5, at First Church, the pastor welcomed into church fellowship 82 new members, 58 having completed their probation, 7 more being received by letter, and 7 more on probation. It was a day of great gladness in the church, for the method of the pastor is not to harvest once a month merely, but to give an opportunity for uniting with the church at each Sunday morning service.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

The General Committee of the Board of Church Extension held its annual meeting in First Church, commencing Thursday, Nov. 10, at 10 A. M., and Baltimore Methodism has been astonished with the work accomplished in the thirty-four years since the initial movement of this great Society. The gain in church membership has been from 928,000 to nearly 2,900,000; in church buildings from 10,000 to 26,657; and in the value of church property from nearly \$23,000,000 to nearly \$114,000,000.

The personnel of the General Committee is an interesting study. The president of the Board, Bishop Foss, stately and dignified, suave and strong, was unable to be present throughout the meeting. The corresponding secretaries are Spencer, genial and hopeful, thoroughly acquainted with every detail of the work, and ready at all times to express its claims; King, far-seeing and at home amid the mighty enterprises of this great benevolence; and Hard, brotherly, earnest and efficient. The recording secretary, Dr. McConnell, is a man of affairs, careful and correct in taking of minutes. The venerable treasurer, Hon. James Long, was not present, but his assistant, Mr. Samuel Shaw, is alert. Among the Bishops we note the grave and gentlemanly Bishop Bowman, who presided at the opening session; Merrill, the statesman and administrator, with his great personal influence; Andrews, polished and refined; Warren, scholarly and sagacious; Hurst, cultured and quiet; Ninde, mild-mannered but vigorous; Walden, Herculean in labors, giving all his time and energy to the work in hand; Mallalieu, large-hearted and full of enthusiasm; Fowler, with his splendid oratory and remarkable attention to details; Vincent, studious and thoughtful; Fox-Gerald, quiet, of few words, but of great achievements; Joyce, of great heart and unstinted devotion to the cause; Goodsell, of winning personality and rich experience; and McCabe, enthusiastic, intense, and ever active. The representatives from the General Conference districts were in attendance and abundant in labors as well as those chosen to represent the Board. The report deplored the loss of four distinguished members of the Board—the grandly gifted Newman, the incomparable secretary, Dr. Kynett, and two faithful laymen, Dr. McCombs and John Gillespie.

The anniversary meeting was held in First Church on Thursday evening. It was largely attended. Stirring addresses were made by Bishops Fowler and Mallalieu and by Rev. Dr. King. Bishop McCabe presided. On

Friday evening Rev. Dr. John F. Goucher entertained the Board of Bishops at dinner, and in the evening the Woman's College tendered a handsome reception to the members of the General Committee and their friends. The entire proceedings of the meeting were unusually satisfactory and beneficial.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Washington city is becoming reminiscent, for a committee has been formed, representing the entire United States, on whom will devolve the management of festivities in 1900 commemorative of its century of existence and its growth from a mud village, lost in the woods, to the splendid capital of the nation, the Mecca of its patriotic people and an object of international comparison. The date is, of course, not yet fixed, but is not likely to be slavishly literal, but rather conform to convenience of season. The expectation is also expressed that the ceremonies will centre around the laying of the cornerstone of a new building for the housing of the U. S. Courts of Justice.

It is also probable that the new Carnegie Public Library will be commenced next year. The plans have already been adopted and the details made public. The ideas embodied represent those most approved in the advancing ideals of library administration.

Following closely on the Pan Presbyterian Congress came that of the Unitarian body. It was with great pain that many who love Edward Everett Hale for his princely gifts of pen and voice heard his unjust attack on Presbyterianism. It is, he said, "as a system the foe of human liberty." There were many who rose in defence of the denomination, though it was as little needed as an apology from the sun for shining.

During the sessions of the Board of Regents of the American Society of Religious Education resolution was taken to hold a Bible Conference in this city next year "when the present condition of Biblical instruction shall be reviewed and opportunity offered for the presentation of improved methods and agencies." The secretary, our own Dr. J. E. Gilbert, has a committee with full powers to aid him in bringing about this very desirable Congress.

Admiral Dewey has entered into possession of his new home, the James E. Fitch residence on Rhode Island Avenue, and has lost no time in providing it a mistress. The wedding with Mrs. Hazen, which was of the quietest character, explains the Admiral's choice of residence during the period of his reception here. Rooms at the Arlington for himself and staff and also for the reception committee were offered without expense, but he chose rather to occupy the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. Lean, which was vacated for his occupancy. It is characteristic of this diplomat that he secured the very house on which he had set his heart, though no one is the wiser as to his method of accomplishing it.

Bishop Hurst was in the city for some weeks after his return from the tour of the Western Conferences. The storms of the church seem to have fallen to him during his journeyings over thousands of miles, but he has constantly spoken of the never-varying kindness and consideration he everywhere met. In his own trouble the sympathy and tenderness vouchsafed to him was most heartsome and sincere. The Bishop has leased the house of Surgeon Bayers, U. S. N., at 1207 Connecticut Avenue, the lot abutting at the rear upon that purchased for Admiral Dewey.

Congress, with its prospects of money reform, restoration of merchant marine, building the Isthmian Canal, and other important legislation, the termination of the war in the Philippines, the seating of Roberts and Quay, the reopening of the Anglo-American question, is almost upon us. Lord Pauncefoot is back at his post. In the wake of Speaker-elect Henderson the members of Congress are coming, and the work of the long session will soon be begun.

THE FAMILY

ONE WHO SERVED

MINNIE LEONA UPTON.

What will she do in heaven where God Himself "shall wipe away
A'l tears" from eyes that long have wept,
but need weep nevermore? —
She who spent all her earthly life guiding
the feet that stray,

And drying tears of bitterness and loss and
anguish sore? —

She who to many a trembling soul brought
peace and strength steadfast

When lights of earth were wavering and
faint the faltering breath,

Her strong soul holding up the weak, even
unto the last —

Dear heart! what will she do in heaven
where there is "no more death?"

Boston, Mass.

Thoughts for the Thoughtful

"Do not borrow trouble; the interest is
too heavy."

The scurf of a heartless conventionality
lies thick all over the daily life. — Canon
Farrar.

"Want of thought," that is the sin of
those who go through life, not suspecting,
and not caring to inquire, how much there is
of human desolation. — Robertson.

One of George Macdonald's characters
says, quaintly: "It's queer 'at things winna
gang up without hauden 'em down." Here
is sound philosophy — the principle of the
kite applied to human life. It is not until
we find something to resist, and resist it
strenuously, that our lives begin to climb
heavenward. — *Treasury*.

When God sends darkness, let it be dark.
'Tis so vain to think we can light it up with
candles, or make it anything but dark. It
may be because of the darkness we shall see
some new beauty in the stars. — *George S.
Merriam*.

David's life and history, as written for us
in those Psalms of his, I consider to be the
truest emblem ever given of a man's moral
progress and warfare here below. All earnest
souls will ever discern in it the faithful
struggle of an earnest human soul towards
what is good and best. Struggle often baffled,
sore baffled, down as into entire wreck;
yet a struggle never ended, ever with tears,
repentance, true unconquerable purpose, begun
anew. — *Carlyle*.

How many thousands of little scrubby,
thorny, useless apple trees are growing wild
about the fields and pastures, which are
only a nuisance, and which will never be of
any value, but which, if grafted, would
every year bear great burdens of rosy, luscious,
beautiful fruit! And these deep-
rooted, hardy, thrifty trees are far better
when grafted than any of the slender,
spindling, half-rooted things that may be
bought of the nurseryman, many of which
will never find a soil so rich as they were
started in, and will never become thrifty,
well-set trees. And the growth of such
grafts is so rapid, and the returns are so
prompt that the most short-sighted person
can see the results. . . . There is a mighty
difference in a period of fifty or sixty years
between a thorny old scrub of a tree bearing

a few pecks of sour, or wormy, or pockery
apples, and a grafted tree bearing, as some
do, five, or ten, or even twenty barrels of
Baldwins every year — almost as much difference
as there is between a godless worldling
or dead church member, standing
among the weeds and thorns of worldly
care and dropping only sourness and bitterness,
and a tree planted in the garden of
God and bringing forth bounteous supplies
of rich and blessed fruit to glorify the
Heavenly Father. — *H. L. Hastings*.

What we call death is but an exodus, a
going out from the land of bondage into the
land of liberty; an unmooring, and setting
our white sails for the fresh breeze and the
bright sun; an awakening from life's troubled
dreams into the glories of the great,
the eternal reality; a victory, a home-
coming to the friends, to the Father, to the
Christ; a coronation: "I will give you a
crown of righteousness, and ye shall reign
kings and priests unto God." "Let not
your heart be troubled, neither let it be
afraid." — *Lyman Abbott, D. D.*

You and I write our lives as if on one of
those manifold writers which you use. A
thin filmy sheet here, a bit of black paper
below it, but the writing goes through upon
the next page, and when the blackness that
divides two worlds is swept away *there*, the
history of each life written by ourselves remains
legible in eternity. And the question is:
What sort of autobiography are we
writing for the revelation of that day, and
how far do our circumstances help us to
transcribe fair in our lives the will of our
God and the image of our Redeemer? —
Alexander MacLaren.

Eons ago a rock crashed down
From a mountain's crown,
Where a tempest's tread
Crumbled it from its hold.
Ages dawn and in turn grow old:
The rock lies still and dead.
Flames come and floods come,
Sea rolls this mountain crumb
To a pebble, in its play;
Till at last the man came to be,
And a thousand generations passed away.
Then from the bed of a brook one day
A boy with the heart of a king
Fitted the stone to his shepherd sling,
And a giant fell, and a royal race was free.
Let the great forces, wise of old,
Have their whole way with thee,
Crumble thy heart from its hold,
Drown thy life in the sea.
And eons hence, some day,
The love thou gavest a child,
The dream in a midnight wild,
The word thou wouldst not say —
Or in a whisper no one dared to hear,
Shall gladden the earth and bring the golden
year.

— Edward Rowland Hill.

I remember on a glorious day of all but
cloudless sunshine passing in view of a well-
known line of bare and majestic downs, then
basking in the full beams of noon. But on
one face of the hill rested a mass of deep and
gloomy shadow. On searching for its cause,
I at length discovered one little speck of
cloud, bright as light, floating in the clear
blue above. This it was which cast on the
hillside that ample track of gloom. And
what I saw was an image of Christian sorrow.
Dark and cheerless often as it is, and unac-
countably as it passes over our earthly path,
in heaven its tokens shall be found; and it
shall be known to have been but a shadow of
this brightness whose name is Love. — *Dean
Alford*.

When I was a boy I used to go to the Poly-
technic in London, where my favorite diver-
sion was a diving-bell, which had seats
around the rim, and which, at a given time,

was filled with people and lowered into a
tank. We used to go down deeper, deeper
into the water, but not a drop came into
that diving-bell, though it had no bot-
tom, and the water was quite within reach,
because the bell was so full of air that,
though the water lusted against the air, the
air lusted against the water, because the air
was being pumped in all the time from the
top, and the water could not do what it oth-
erwise would do. If you are full of the Holy
Ghost, the fish life is underneath you, and
though it would surge up, it is kept out. —
Rev. F. B. Meyer.

"SET TO MUSIC"

MRS. M. A. HOLT.

ONCE I read a little poem that seemed
to me, at the time, to be quite an
ordinary one, with nothing about it to
command special attention or even to
interest the reader. Some one had
clipped it from a newspaper, and I re-
member of thinking, after I had read it,
that whoever did so could not have been
much of a critic or even a common ob-
server, for I could detect little flaws
here and there throughout the entire
poem. "It will make a fair book-mark,"
I said, as I placed the poor little verses
in a large volume that I was reading. If
I read the book sometimes, I never
looked at the poem, only to move it
from page to page as a book-mark.

The days went on, and one Sunday
when I was walking to the church in
which I worshipped, I heard very sweet
music which was entirely new to me. I
knew that new singing books had re-
cently been purchased, and this pretty
hymn undoubtedly was in the same. I
listened almost spell-bound, and stood
still until the singing stopped. Then I
went in, but I was conscious of hardly
anything save the sweet melody of the
new hymn. "Let us sing it again," I
heard some one in the young people's
meeting say, just after I entered the
church. All seemed ready to sing, and
then I listened again, until it was fin-
ished, just as I did at first. The words
seemed very nice too, and entirely in
keeping with the sweet tune. It also
came to me that I had heard them be-
fore; and in a short time I knew that the
hymn was just the little book-mark
poem "set to music."

But a great change had been made in
it, for it was no longer commonplace or
devoid of interest. Every word seemed
to be touched with sweetness and power,
and full of inspiration, and I wondered
how I ever thought the poem a poor
one. I eagerly looked up the "book-
mark" and compared the hymn and
verses. A few slight changes had been
made in the metre, but the words were
the same; and then I comprehended
that it was the music which made the
wonderful change.

Human lives may also become "set to
music;" and this is when Christ comes
into the soul and His presence changes
the tiresome monotony to the sweetest
music. Even the ordinary life thus be-
comes grand and beautiful, and the soul
sweet-spirited and holy. The dullness
and indifference that once characterized
the almost useless life pass out of it, and
something new comes in, and the one
who was once almost a stumbling block

in humanity's pathway becomes a grand, heroic worker for God.

As the inspiring music made the little poem a power for good, so does God's precious spirit make human lives useful and beautiful. So if we would become like some sweet song that will sing on forever, let us allow the dear Father to "set our life to music," for this blessed melody will live forever also.

New Berlin, N. Y.

WINTER'S COMIN' ON

Uncle Si keeps frettin'
Cause the summer's gone,
Dreads to think how winter
Is a-comin' on;
Days are gettin' shorter,
Nights are gettin' long,
Birds are growin' scarcer,
Seldom hear a song;

Frosts have nipped the gardens,
Leaves begin to fall,
Sort o' melancholy
Settles over all.
So he keeps a-frettin',
And a-takin' on,
'Cause the winter's comin'
And the summer's gone.

Uncle Si, you're foolish,
Worryin' that way!
Scoldin' 'bout the winter
Won't keep it away!
Gather in your apples,
And your pumpkin crop;
Fill your bins with taters,
Clear up to the top;

Pile up high your firewood
'Round the kitchen door,
Store away your walnuts
On the attic floor.
If you have a plenty,
If you're snug and warm,
Winter will be pleasant,
Spite o' snow and storm.

So just quit your fussin',
Stop your bein' sad;
If you're only ready,
Winter ain't so bad;
Just like bein' ready
When you're goin' to die,
When you have your treasure
Laid up in the sky.

— W. W. LAMPORT, in *Michigan Christian Advocate*.

A POINT OF PRIVILEGE

ELIZABETH E. BACKUP.

THOSE who engage in effort for the "lambs of the flock" sometimes wonder if some of the mothers, amid their many cares, have not forgotten to exercise a strong and earnest Christian influence over their children. The children are so often allowed to elect whether they shall attend the church service, the Sunday school, the little meetings of the Junior League and the mission band, or otherwise, as they please. Attendance is so often the fickle matter of the child's own pleasure, instead of depending upon the wish of the father and mother, the whole question thus being lifted into the higher realm of conscience and duty.

Attendance at the day-school is not settled according to this slipshod method. The child understands that he cannot evade regular school attendance except he has an excuse that will bear se-

vere scrutiny. Should not the hours designed to cultivate the soul and to give the child a broad and Christian view of life be held as sacred from childish vacillation? Is it not sometimes because the mother is not herself as earnest and far-sighted as a Christian mother should be? because she fails to appreciate her beautiful privilege and duty to influence her child toward all that is good and holy even from babyhood?

Perhaps she thinks that by and by, when the child has put away childish things, he will of himself take kindly to church-going and Christian work, and be deeply interested in missions. If this "let alone" principle does not bring forth good results in the everyday affairs of life, why should it here? Test your privilege, dear mother, and do not shirk responsibility for the spiritual well-being of your precious children. The mother who is herself deeply interested in missions, and who mourns when she is debarred from the great privilege of attending the mothers' meeting, will not consider it a cross to send her children to the regular meetings of the mission band; she will, on the contrary, magnify her privilege and theirs, she will allure her small people to duty by wise and tactful words. As for the Sunday school and the church service, where should the children be if not at these services?

The leaders in children's organizations too often feel it a necessity to employ some out-of-the-way method in order to "keep up the interest." A Christmas tree or a picnic has often a wonderful influence in stimulating Sunday-school attendance. An entertainment in which the children have a part often produces the same effect, and small people who are unable to endure the fatigue of the church service, attend rehearsal after rehearsal, and appear at length upon a platform in the evening hours, apparently without a thought of weariness. We do not decry these things—they have their legitimate value—but our plea is that higher motives should rule in the Christian home, and that it is peculiarly the mother's privilege to exalt Christian principle in that hallowed spot.

Roxbury, Mass.

Bits of Fun

— *Dr. Ends*: "There is nothing serious the matter with Freddy, Mrs. Blakely. I think a little soap and water will do him as much good as anything." *Mrs. Blakely*: "Yes, doctor; an' will I give it to him before or after his meals?"

— *He* (telling a hair-breadth adventure): "And, in the bright moonlight, we could see the dark muzzles of the wolves." *She* (breathlessly): "Oh, how glad you must have been that they had the muzzles on."

— A business house of Aberdeen, Scotland, recently engaged as office boy a raw country youth. It was part of his duties to attend to the telephone in his master's absence. When first called upon to answer the bell, in reply to the usual query, "Are you there?" he nodded assent. Again the question came, and still again, and each time the boy gave answering nod. When the question came for the fourth time, however, the boy, losing his temper, roared through the

telephone: "Man, a' ye blin'? I've been noddin' me heid aff for t' last hauf 'oor!"

— *Young Wife*: "I got a beautiful parchment diploma from the cooking college today, and I've cooked this for you. Now guess what it is." *Husband* (with slab of omelet between his teeth): "The diploma."

— She was an Englishwoman and a stranger in Boston. Crossing the Common, and looking up toward the cherished gilded dome, she inquired of a courteous passer, "Beg pardon, sir, what is that building with the brass top?"

THE SPARE ROOM

"Sleep sweet
Within this quiet room,
O thou
Whoe'er thou art;
And let no mournful yesterdays
Disturb thy quiet heart;
Nor let tomorrow scare thy rest
With dreams of coming ill;
Thy Maker is thy changeless Friend,
His love surrounds thee still.

"Forget thyself
And all the world;
Put out each feverish light.
The stars are watching overhead,
Sleep sweet!
Good night! Good night!"

Printed in silver letters on a slightly shaded card, with a background of deep cardinal ribbon, and suspended by tasteful cord and tassels where it might greet the eye as soon as the gas was lighted, these words of the card seemed almost like a message from heaven. The guest, detained in the house of a friend and kindly entertained for the night, entered the room feeling harassed, tired, and rather dispirited. Before anything else in particular was seen, these sweet, reassuring lines were perused from beginning to end. Arranged in broken verse, as given above, their very appearance was attractive, and the calm, Christian sentiment they breathed acted as a sedative—one much needed—on tired nerves and a troubled heart. They were read more than once before one could turn away from their restful, benign breathings.

Of all things, make the spare room cheerful. How is it, why is it, that so many of these chambers have a "best dress" kind of air the moment the door is opened? Even tastefully furnished rooms often present this suggestion. In the first place, it is better to guard against making them too fine. Pieces of furniture that have about them a "don't-touch-me" look are never really beautiful because comfort and comeliness must go hand in hand in order to make the visitor feel at home. If housekeepers would keep in mind one simple, palpable fact in furnishing a spare room, its equipments would often be more homelike and acceptable than they are. The great majority of people who are to occupy it are—away from home. If only a make-yourself-at-home suggestiveness could attach to the spare room, what a truly beautiful place it would become forthwith! In the days of our grandmothers, there are many of us who will distinctly remember that this room was called "the parlor chamber." Thank fortune and modern common sense, the appalling title has become extinct! And there is, too, a vast improvement in the way the room is regarded. Do we not recall with readiness the solemn, shut-up state of our childhood's half-scared acquaintance with the spare room—the ghostly cleanliness of the starched ruffler, the set look of the chairs, the spotless carpet and closed blinds? Weren't we thankful that we couldn't be grown-up company, and have to occupy that awfully clean, quiet place! Indeed and we were.

We repeat, very much of this primness has passed away. We went, not long ago, into a

easy home, where everything could be called "nice," with that distinctive application of the term indicating taste, finish, and even elegance. The experienced mistress of the homestead, the wife and mother, having it fall to her to dispose of the portion of the furnishings of an old-time house, determined to make use of many of the prettier pieces in renewing the spare room of her own house. A more cheerful, heartsome, welcoming place could scarcely be imagined when all was in order. The cretonne bed coverings seemed made for every-day use. The wide, old-fashioned sofa, covered with cool gray rep, with a great not-too-nice pillow at one end, seemed to urge one to lie at ease along its comfortable length, and take solid, old-fashioned comfort, with the head resting on the sensible, satcen-covered pillow. The soap box, covered with prettily figured satcen, beruffled daintily with the material that would not easily soil, made a fine foot rest and also shoe receptacle combined. The tidies, not of fine lace, but of very pretty crocheted patterns, had sufficient bright ribbon run through them to add color and warmth to them as useful ornaments. The pictures were fine; so, also, were various mantel and bracket ornaments that did not need to be handled. But everything that was to be used could be thoroughly enjoyed, because nothing was too costly or delicate to invite repose. The old-fashioned, high-backed wooden rocking-chair was a very luxury of ease and comfort, with its softly tufted cushions at the back and on the seat, covered with the not easily soiled cretonne.

The great satin bow at one corner, near the top, no one would touch while resting in the generous, delightful seat. No matter how luxuriously the parlor is furnished, avoid having the room in which your loved guests are to tarry for a while too fine and beautiful to be enjoyed. "There wasn't an elegant thing in that room," said one breezy lady to another, in describing a room that had particularly pleased her, "But it was just as 'cute' and pretty and comfortable as it could be. Just such a room as any one likes to see." We all know how these "cute" things take the eye. They are very often the ingenious device of an enterprising housekeeper who has but little money to spare. That is where the keen wits of the American housekeeper often manifest themselves. Aim to make "this quiet room" one in which the tired or tried guest can indeed forget self, "put out each feverish light," and sleep sweet. A restful, reassuring verse placed in a conspicuous place may prove a quieting benediction, such as the lines quoted surely proved to one tired guest.—*Christian Work.*

BOYS AND GIRLS

SADIE'S PROOFS IN THE ROUGH

ANNIE LEWIS PINFOLD.

AUNT MILLIE looked up from the book that she was reading, saying, "Come in," as a gentle tap sounded on her chamber door. Her little niece of ten came in eagerly with something which she held very carefully in her hands.

"I've come to show you the proofs of our pictures, auntie," she said. "Uncle Merton said I could bring them up to you."

"What proofs do you mean, Sadie? I did not know you had sat for your photographs lately," said her aunt, as she began to take the negatives out of the big brown envelope in which they were placed for protection.

"I didn't, either, Aunt Millie," laughed Sadie. "But Uncle Merton says that when he found out that he was going away with his regiment next month, he made up his mind to have pictures of Harold and of me that would be just natural, as we are every day—not prim and stiff, and in our best clothes, as the photographers take us. So he has been taking 'snap shots,' as he calls them, of us whenever he has had a chance."

"He has quite a variety to choose from," said Aunt Millie, looking at the pile in her lap. "He ought to have some satisfactory ones here, surely."

"He's going to finish them all, he says. There's some of them where Harold and I are together, and some taken separately," was Sadie's reply.

Aunt Millie picked up the top one, saying:—

"This is Harold's. I know that attitude well. He is puzzling his dear little noddle trying to think up some new mischief, I am sure. Here you are both. You can tell me about them, Sadie."

"We were looking at my new book. Our heads are bent down so you can't see much of our faces. There is one of Harold trying to make Kitty Olover eat some baked beans. She just despises 'em. See him holding her nose down on the plate," said Sadie with glee.

"This is mine. You see I'm making a johnny-cake for dinner, and I was trying to remember whether I had put in the cooking soda or not," she went on.

And Aunt Millie was compelled to laugh at the comical look of perplexity stamped on the face of the little cook who leaned over the table anxiously regarding the mixture in the pan before her.

"There is one of Harold going to sleep over his supper, and one to go with it just when he peeped over the side of his crib in the morning."

"And—and here"—Sadie blushed and looked distressed as her aunt held up another one. "Oh, dear! I wish he'd throw that one away, but he won't. It is a horrid picture of me."

"What is the matter with it, dear?" asked her aunt, in surprise. "Ah! now I see why you do not care for it. But it looks as though the camera gave a faithful reproduction of the scene, doesn't it?"

"Yes, I s'pose it is just as I looked then," Sadie reluctantly admitted. "But I wish he would only keep the ones where I look pleasant."

"Tell me about it, Sadie," urged Aunt Millie, gently stroking the downcast head of the little girl kneeling on the hassock beside her. "What was the trouble just then?"

So the child began her penitent little confession:—

"Mamma had gone out to the store, and she asked me to look after Harold while she was gone. I had planned to go over to May Sibley's to play croquet that afternoon, but of course that had to be given up. Harold was dreadful hard to take care of that day somehow. He would keep getting into all sorts of mischief, and when I wanted him to play with his toys on the floor, he would throw them all away. And I got angry and cross with him. I went away to an-

other part of the room and began to play alone. Harold crept up, as you see there, on tiptoe behind me, and put his arms round my neck and tried to kiss me."

"You do not look as if you appreciated your little brother's flag of truce," was the smiling comment. "It is really a truthful photograph of you both, only, as you say, you do not look very 'pleasant.' Harold's sweet little face has a very coaxing, winning expression on it. I think that if you had looked up and seen it, you could not have resisted its loving appeal very long."

"No, if I had looked at him, I couldn't have helped hugging and squeezing the darling, although he loves to tease me so much," Sadie owned; "but I felt too cross to be ready to 'make up' just then."

They went on looking at the rest of the proofs, Aunt Millie thoroughly enjoying and being amused by the various poses and expressions, grave and gay, of the children, just as the camera had taken them.

When they had all been carefully put back in the envelope, the lady sat with it in her hands looking into the cheerful fire blazing on the hearth with a tender light playing about her eyes and mouth as she mused over the thought that the negatives had brought to her mind.

"Why do you smile, auntie?" queried the little maid. "What are you thinking about now?"

"I was thinking, dear, of how you and Harold had gone about the last few days, unconscious that Uncle Merton's camera was making such a record of your ways and looks, and that it is something, dearie, as it may be for us in life. There is a queer little 'machine' in our brain that answers the same purpose as Uncle Merton's kodak, and which photographs scenes, faces, and even words on our memory, to be recalled and scanned again at our will," replied her aunt. "It is taking impressions continually of our lives as we go along. When we sit down quietly and bring up memory's pictures one by one, I am afraid there will be many in which we shall not look 'pleasant,' Sadie, and, like you, we shall wish them destroyed or blotted out. But memory's photographs cannot always be thrust out of sight at will, and they often rise up and confront us when we least expect or want them," she finished. "So we'll both endeavor to make only pretty pictures hereafter."

Milton Mills, N. H.

A TERRIBLE TEMPTATION

She was the angel of the street,
So fairy-like and shy and sweet.
I always stopped to scan her face
And catch the dawns of new grace.
Sometimes I brought her sweet or flower,
And treasured for a pleasing hour
The smile she gave to me in thanks,
Like zephyrs rippling flowery banks.
But, ah! true friendship seldom sticks—
You see I'm thirty, she is six;
And how she got the garden hose
Is something that nobody knows.
But I came by—what did she do?
She calmly soaked me through and through!

—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

OUR BOOK TABLE

The New-Born Cuba. By Franklin Matthews. Harper & Brothers: New York and London. Price, \$2.50.

We think the publishers are justified in claiming that the Spanish-American war has called forth no more interesting book than this admirable account of the condition of the island at the end of the war, and of the subsequent work of reconstruction by the Americans. If its statements are to be relied upon (and we see no reason to doubt it), the record made in Cuba during the past year by our commanders and administrators, and by the common soldiers, too, has been one reflecting the greatest credit on the country. Gen. Leonard Wood at Santiago—a marvelous man—being first in the field, set the pace of honest, efficient, economical government, and it has been well kept up by the officials at Havana and elsewhere. The one purpose of benefiting the people has been steadily observed. Had politicians "on the make," instead of army officers on their honor, been put in charge, we can well understand what a difference there would have been. Through the wonderful reforms that have been introduced in the customs service, the post-office, the municipalities, the departments of sanitation, police, taxation, and public works, the Americans have taught the people of Cuba the most valuable lessons as to the sacredness of public trusts, the value of integrity in business affairs, and honesty in office. The condition of things left by the Spaniards was scandalous in the extreme. The moral corruption, physical filth, and general inefficiency were almost beyond belief. Thirty-two cartloads of dirt were taken from the palace of the governor of Havana province. Such a cleaning up as the cities of Cuba have experienced was never before known in their history, and the improvement in the health of the people has closely corresponded. In Santiago, for example, there were nine days last April with but one death—an utterly unheard-of thing. For the previous six years the deaths on April 13 (taken for a sample) had varied from 9 to 41. This year there was not one.

American occupation, Mr. Matthews thinks, must last for a good while. He says: "There will be no permanent peace in Cuba unless the island is under our protection, and Cuba will not be all that Cuba can be unless it is under our flag. If that should come about, there will soon be no lack of men or money for the island." He was forced to believe, he says, that ninety per cent. of the people want annexation of some kind to this country, feeling that only thus can they obtain security and lasting prosperity. Major E. G. Rathbone, who has worked wonders as the director and reorganizer of the postal service, and has come into very close relations with the masses of the people, bears this testimony: "They are kind, gentle, tractable, and easy to get along with. By kindness you can do anything in the world with them. They are naturally lethargic. They live in a climate that is enervating, and are not as prompt as Americans. I think, however, that Cuba has advanced very much."

The author of this very interesting and truly valuable volume, after speaking of the army of Americans seeking their own profit which speedily descended on the island, some of them a curse, especially the multitudinous agents of American breweries, says: "There was one kind of American visitor to the island, however, concerning the beneficial effects of whose mission there could be no doubt. He was the practical missionary, who not only held religious exercises, but established schools." He adds that the efforts to establish schools invariably met with success.

Hawaiian America. Something of its History, Resources, and Prospects. By Jasper Whittey. Harper & Brothers: New York and London. Price, \$2.50.

Profuse illustrations, abundant statistics, thick, high-calendered paper, and a clear, careful setting forth of all essential facts, make this volume a delight both to the eye and to the mind. Everything needful for a full understanding of our new possessions and the problems connected with their development seems to be here provided. The all-important labor question is intelligently discussed. The industrial prospects are amply set forth. Sugar growing and coffee-planting are graphically described. In short, we have here a mine of information on everything pertaining to the life and customs of the Hawaiians. Full credit is very properly given to the fact that it is the missionaries who have made these islands what they are. The author says:—

"The missionary element of Hawaii needs no defender. Its splendid work speaks for itself. The pioneer missionaries set upon their labor of civilization with intelligence, and their descendants have carried it on with kindness and judgment as part of their inheritance. From father to son and from son to son the work has been passed along, not only in the church, but in the social, industrial, educational life of the natives. It is the missionary element that has educated these natives of Hawaii, checked their destroying thirst for drink, and cleansed their minds and bodies. This element, in its full strength, has been literally the salvation of Hawaii. It has been the upbuilding and cleansing of the islands during times of extreme individual peril and uncertain governmental existence."

The book is dedicated to Sanford B. Dole, Lorrin D. Taurston, and Benjamin F. Dillingham, three of the missionaries' sons who have done so much for the islands. One of the astonishing facts brought out—if it be a fact—is that the *per capita* wealth of the country averages greater than that of any other country in the world; it is about \$30 for each inhabitant there, while it is only \$23.70, he says, in the United States. But we think he has put the latter figure far too low. Instead of \$23, it should be over \$100 *per capita*, unless we are much mistaken.

Boer Paul's People. A Narrative of the British-Boer Troubles in South Africa, with a History of the Boers, the Country, and its Institutions. By Howard C. Hillegas. D. Appleton & Co.: New York. Price, \$1.50.

Mr. Hillegas is an intense partisan on behalf of the Boers, giving all their good qualities and none of their bad ones. So that whoever wishes to get a one-sided view of matters in South Africa will do well to read this book. Scarce any terms are too bad for him to apply to the British and their proceedings. He praises the Boers for their home life and their religion, but judiciously refrains from saying anything as to their abominably atrocious conduct toward the natives. Missionaries and others, he says, have found it convenient to traduce the Boers to the people in England, for "the attainment of some personal end." But most people will think the testimony of the missionaries more valuable than that of Mr. Hillegas. He says on one page: "The Boer is as progressive as any white man cares to be under that generous South African sun." On the next page he admits that "he is a century behind the van," behind "the more energetic civilization" of his neighbors. His opinion is that the Boers will be able to prolong the present war to eight months or a year, but "they will finally be obliterated from among the nations of the earth." The chapter on "American Interests in South Africa" is a very valuable one, and gives an astonishing view of the rapid progress of our trade there (not with the Boers), it having quadrupled in four years, our machinery and other manufactured articles taking a clear lead over all and commanding the market wherever known. The chief mining engi-

niers, electrical experts, managers of industries, and promoters of new enterprises, seem to be Americans, although the capital is, of course, English.

A Study of Elizabeth Barrett Browning. By Lillian Whiting. Little, Brown & Company: Boston. Price, \$1.25.

There are some good things about this book, and some not so good. It is the result of a suggestion to go to Europe and visit the scenes of Mrs. Browning's life and write of her. The scenes were visited and they are pleasantly described. Many extracts are given from the poet's letters and from other people's letters about her. Her life is sketched in an interesting way; but nothing important is added to what was previously known, and no profound study of her poetry is attempted. The chief blemish in the volume, to our eye, is its ardent advocacy of Spiritualism, with which humbug Mrs. Browning was carried away, this being one of the very few topics on which her stronger-minded and better-balanced husband radically differed with her, to which latter fact Miss Whiting, we believe, does not refer. She quotes Annie Besant as saying that mankind will soon be "able to function freely on the astral plane, where many of the greater intelligences manifest themselves in form for the helping and the teaching of men." But, alas! all the results of mediumistic performances so far in evidence serve to show that those who had greater intelligence when here on earth have somehow parted with it in parting from the body, and their deliverances are intellectually beneath contempt. If Spiritualism wants to commend itself to people who are sane, it must begin to furnish some grains of proof that its communications from the other world are genuine and are of some value. It has so far added nothing to our knowledge, but very much to our disgust.

Reflected Lights from "The Face of the Deep." By Christina Rossetti. Selected and Arranged by W. M. L. Jay. E. P. Dutton & Co.: New York. Price, \$1.25.

The bulk of this book is taken from one of Miss Rossetti's works called "The Face of the Deep," which is a running commentary on the Book of Revelation. Prose and poetry are mingled under such titles as "The Light of Love," "The Light of Patience," "The Light of Wisdom," etc. Many excellent things are scattered over the beautifully printed pages, and eighteen fine full-page illustrations add much to the value of the volume. As a specimen of the prose comments we copy the following: "I came not to send peace, but a sword." Yet a sword of Christ's sending brings peace when welcomed for His sake, and faced in His strength. Or even though the sword be Satan's sword, yet to ourselves it will be the sword of the Lord if whilst being slain we trust in Him." The following will indicate the quality of the poetry:—

"Good Lord, today
I scarce find breath to say:
Scourge, but receive me!
For stripes are hard to bear, but worse
Thy intolerable curse,
So do not leave me!"

"Good Lord, lean down
In pity, though Thou frown;
Smite, but retrieve me;
For so Thou held me up to stand
And kiss Thy smiting hand,
It less will grieve me."

Funeral Sermons and Outline Addresses. An Aid for Pastors. Compiled and edited by William B. Ketcham, D. D., editor of the *Preachers' Magazine*. Wilbur B. Ketcham: New York. Price, \$1.50.

This volume consists of funeral sermons and outlines of sermons and addresses by prominent clergymen of Europe and America, compiled from a wide field of research, with great care. The sketches are brief, yet direct; terse, yet tender; full of points containing the kernels of a vast variety of ap-

propriate and excellent discourses eminently useful as seed thoughts for funeral occasions. It is a repository of helpful suggestions for comfort and counsel to the bereaved.

Nathaniel Hawthorne. By Annie Fields. Small, Maynard & Company: Boston. Price, 75 cents.

This is another of that charming series, "The Beacon Biographies," which this House is bringing out. Perhaps no living writer is able to present the real Hawthorne more faithfully and impressively than Mrs. Fields. Small, Maynard & Co. are publishing some volumes of rare elegance and merit.

From Day to Day. By Theodora W. Wooley. Little, Brown & Company: Boston.

"From Day to Day" is a beautiful little year-book, prepared on unusual lines. Every day of the year has a page, whereon appears a verse of Scripture in English, followed by the same verse in French, German and Italian. It will prove a helpful and inspiring book of devotion to our young people who are studying modern languages.

Reminiscences of the Santiago Campaign. By Capt. John Bigelow, U. S. A., author of "The Principles of Strategy." With a map. Harper & Brothers: New York and London.

The author, a captain in the 10th U. S. Cavalry, who served with distinction until wounded at Santiago, gives in this volume a dramatic narrative of the campaign. It is filled with personal observations and experiences, and is written in an authoritative and entertaining style. In his concluding chapter Capt. Bigelow states, as the result of his reflections:—

"Our army should be small and highly trained, rather than large and imperfectly trained. We want a few military citizens as possible, and we want our soldiers to share the thoughts and feelings of the people, in short, to represent the people; but we want the army equipped and trained according to the latest and most approved ideas, with due regard to our national characteristics and institutions."

That Fortune. By Charles Dudley Warner. Harper & Brothers: New York and London.

In this delightful book we have, in a way, a sequel to "A Little Journey in the World" and "The Golden House." Those who are fortunate enough to have read those charming novels will welcome this with joy. It is a love story with a delightful old-school flavor about it which makes it decidedly refreshing. Philip Burnett, a struggling young lawyer in New York, handicapped by literary aspirations, falls in love with Evelyn Mavick, one of the richest heiresses in the city. He decides to give up law, secures a position with a publishing house, and writes a book. This is not a great commercial success, but it attracts the notice of Evelyn, who is interested in literature. An English nobleman appears on the scene, and Mrs. Mavick decides that her daughter shall marry him, but she steadfastly refuses to do so, believing that in time Philip will win a name for himself. Fortunately for her, her father's money disappears in a day in the scramble of Wall Street, and all ends happily—a relief after so many problem novels. The descriptions of country life in Riverdale are realistic. The reader gets an insight into the lives of the women who remain in the country villages, living out all alone their sweet, old-fashioned, shut-in lives.

When the Sleeper Wakes. By H. G. Wells. Harper & Brothers: New York. Price, \$1.50.

This strange story first appeared as a serial in *Harper's Weekly*. It is a weird, fantastic, vivid picture of the future, representing the scenes and customs and people of London in 2100, two hundred years hence, when there are but four cities in England, when country life is a thing of the past, when newspapers are replaced by large phonographic machines, when aeroplanes and aeroplanes hover in the sky, and when what Mr. Wells calls "moving ways" have taken the place of railways,

trolleys, etc. The plot of the novel is very slight. Graham, the Sleeper, goes into a trance at the end of the nineteenth century, and sleeps for two hundred years. The strange, exciting experiences which follow his awakening are pictured by the author in a most wonderful way, which will enlist the undivided attention of those who relish this sort of fiction.

Outside of Things. A Sky Book. Verses by Alice Ward Bailey. Pictures by Annita Lyman Paine. E. P. Dutton & Co.: New York. Price, 32.

Any child who receives this beautiful "Sky Book" at Christmas will be fortunate indeed—as fortunate as "Adeline" and "Roberta," to whom it is dedicated. The illustrations harmonize perfectly with the verses or vice versa. Only one stanza is printed on each right-hand page throughout this oblong volume, on heavy calendered paper, the illustrations forming delicately colored frames for the verses—lavender and gray and blue and green, with star and moon and bird designs. "The Sun and the Shadow," "The Captive Star," "The East Wind and the West Wind," "The Moon Boat," "The North Wind and the South Wind," "Aurora Borealis," are some of the "outside things" of which Miss Bailey sings so musically.

The Immortals. By Martha Perry Lowe, Author of "The Olive and the Pine," "Love in Spain," etc. Richard G. Badger & Company: Boston. Price, 75 cents.

It is certainly a unique idea that Martha Perry Lowe embodies in this beautiful little volume—a collection of poems which she has written in memory of dead friends, authors and heroes, among whom are Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Shelley, James Russell Lowell, Phillips Brooks, Lucy Stone, Whitier, Col. Shaw, Lucy Larcom, Edward Rowland Hill, and many others. That one should be able to evoke so many varied notes while striking the same string shows the marvelous touch of a true poet. Of Lowell she writes:—

"Toll! toll! toll!
How it strikes on the nation's soul!
Farewell! farewell! farewell!
Says the solemn chapel bell
In the olden town
To the poet of happy renown."

Then he gave up his breath
To the gentle conqueror, Death.
We see through our tears
His immortal, his radiant years,
His blessed release;
And the voice of the land says: 'Peace!
Cease, bells, to toll,
And chime for a risen soul—
A risen soul!'"

The Sowers. By Henry Seton Merriman. Harper & Brothers: New York. Price, \$1.50.

This is a new and attractive illustrated edition of an intensely dramatic story of Russian life, in which love, conspiracy and intrigue all have part. When "The Sowers" first appeared four years ago, every one was asking who the author was, and whether this was his first novel. "With Edged Tools" had already appeared, and "Roden's Corner" followed last year. Mr. Merriman's style is particularly pleasing, and his novels are strong and sparkling, completely absorbing the reader's attention.

Meg and Other Pets. By Mary Johnson. H. H. Carter & Co.: Boston.

"To the children who love pets" this volume of delightful short stories is dedicated by the author of "Mac, a Dog's True Story," "Children at Home," etc. "Meg," a pretty bossy calf; "Pet," a poor wail of a dog; "Fido," a little black-and-tan; "Mopse," an Australian wombat; "Peggy Muffin," a gray pussy; "Captain Billy," a black kid; "Floosele," a pet lamb; "Topsy," a bear's cub; "Charlie," an intelligent bay horse; "Scarmie," an Angora cat; "Bruce," a Mt. Desert Newfoundland—these are some of the

real pets described in these true stories that will enchant little readers. Mrs. Johnson has a most pleasing narrative style, and her tales are calculated to inspire a love for animals in the childish heart, teaching tenderness and consideration toward dumb creatures everywhere.

The Helpers. By Francis Lynde. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.: Boston and New York. Price, \$1.50.

This is a vigorous, brightly written story, and the author seems to have caught the clear atmosphere of the Denver mountains of which he writes. Henry Jeffard, a young man from the East with a few thousand dollars, comes to Denver to make his fortune. After gambling away all his money, he meets Constance Elliott and falls in love with her; but his love is not strong enough to reform him, and he sinks out of sight. He reappears with a "partner" in search of a silver mine, but finds instead a gold mine. His partner meets some chums, and is led to betray the secret of the location of the mine before it has been recorded. Jeffard takes out papers in his own name, stakes out the location, and holds it for his partner, who is utterly crazed through drink and tries to shoot him. Misunderstood by all his friends and too proud to explain, he works the mine for two years as his own, only at the end of the time to return it to the rightful owner. The work is his salvation, and he returns to Denver, finds Constance, and marries her at last.

Off Santiago with Sampson. By James Otis. Dana Estes & Co.: Boston. Price, 75 cents.

This is one of the "Stories of American History" series, and relates the fortunes of a stowaway on the famous "Merrimac." The story closes with a description of the sea-fight off Santiago.

Among the Farmyard People. By Clara Dillingham Pierce. Illustrated by F. O. Gordon. E. P. Dutton & Co.: New York. Price, \$1.25.

The author of this charming and instructive book for children won the interest of hundreds of young people in her other volumes, "Among the Meadow People" and "Forest People." The style is narrative, while the descriptions are accurate. With the assistance of the excellent illustrations, children

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He, She, They. By Albert Lee. With illustrations by H. B. Eddy. Harper & Brothers: New York and London.

The sketches in this small volume are, as the sub-title indicates, descriptions of the "woful enjoyments and joyful woes of Him and Her," a young married couple who are just settled in their housekeeping, and who attend receptions, weddings, house parties, and other social functions. The story is told in the form of dialogue at the dinner table, and the little pen-and-ink drawings scattered along the pages are a most amusing accompaniment.

"Forward, March." A Tale of the Spanish-American War. By Kirk Munroe. Illustrated. Harper & Brothers: New York and London.

When the chapters of this story first appeared in *Harper's Round Table* not only the boys, but girls and older people as well, read them with absorbing interest. It narrates the thrilling adventures of a young man, Ridge Norris by name, who enlisted in Col. Roosevelt's famous regiment, the Rough Riders, and was sent on special service to carry messages to Gen. Garcia. Few writers for boys could tell this story better than Kirk Munroe, who holds the reader's breathless interest to the very end, when the Spanish squadron is destroyed, the last shot of the campaign fired, and Ridge is married in a little Kentucky church to Spence Cuthbert, who wore as her wedding dress her Red Cross nurse's costume.

The Sixth Sense, and Other Stories. By Margaret Sullivan. Harcourt, Harper & Brothers: New York and London. Price, \$1.25.

Nine short stories of great variety by this clever writer are collected in this attractive volume, to which the longest, and perhaps the best, story gives title. "The Sixth Sense" is a touching romance of the Civil War, characterized by a striking plot and a happy denouement. In the other eight stories pathos and humor abound, bringing tears and smiles at will.

The Instinct of Step-Fatherhood. By Lillian Bell. Harper & Brothers: New York and London.

In this volume are gathered some of the stories by this author which have appeared in various periodicals. The story of the Southern boy who has an abnormally developed "instinct of step-fatherhood," and at

the age of seventeen, on eight dollars a month, tries to marry the Widow Perkins with four boys, is worked out in an irresistibly amusing way. The rest of the stories are bright, ingenious, and extremely readable.

Professor Pin. By Mrs. Frank Lee. Author of "Redmond the Seventh," "Gerret Grain," etc. Pilgrim Press: Boston and Chicago. Price, \$1.25.

This is one of the best stories for boys we have seen in a long time. The awkward and diffident Professor, who is nevertheless pure gold both in character and scholarship; Robert Goodwin in his pride and poverty; Homer Lewis, a type of many boys whose better nature needs only the right touch to arouse them to a noble manhood, as well as many other characters seen in every large school, will not only interest and please, but instruct and help the boys who may be so fortunate as to read this book.

When Dewey Came to Manila; or, Among the Filipinos. By James Ous. Dana Estes & Co.: Boston. Price, 75 cents.

Two boys, aged respectively sixteen and fourteen, took the trip from Boston to Manila with their father, a representative of a firm dealing in hemp, shortly before the opening of hostilities in the Philippines. Embarking on a pleasure excursion to Cavite, they were detained, virtual prisoners, and there witnessed the great battle of Manila Bay. Much historical information is embodied in the story, as in all the "Stories of American History" series.

The House with Sixty Closets. A Christmas Story for Young Folks and Old Children. By Frank Manuel Child. Lee & Shepard: Boston. Price, \$1.25.

After a description of the house and of the fifteen children whose home it is, the larger part of the volume consists of a fantastic Christmas dream, from which many useful moral lessons may be deduced. The book is prettily illustrated by J. Randolph Brown.

Dorsey, the Young Inventor. By Edward S. Ellis, A. M. Forde, Howard & Hulbert: New York. Price, \$1.25.

This is a book full of interest to boys, who will also acquire much practical knowledge by its perusal. The chapters which explain the methods of the Patent Office contain information that will be new to many.

About the Weather. By Mark W. Harrington. D. Appleton & Company: New York. Price, 65 cents.

This is one of the most interesting and practical of the "Appletons' Home Reading Books," edited by Dr. W. T. Harris. A few years ago nothing seemed more capricious and lawless than the weather. Now scientific investigation has settled the fact that the weather has uniform, unchanging and inflexible laws. Who can put any approximate value upon the work of the Weather Bureau, which utters the timely warning concerning the storms and cyclones that so greatly affect navigation and the saving of human life? This volume brings within the reach of the reader the information which makes much of the work of the Weather Bureau interestingly familiar.

The Story of the Fishes. By James Newton Beckett, M. A. Author of "The Story of the Birds." D. Appleton & Company: New York. Price, 65 cents.

This is another of "Appletons' Home Reading Books," and is exceedingly interesting and suggestive. The illustrations are unusually fine, and with these and the author's lucid descriptions and explanations, the ordinary reader may become familiarly acquainted with the large family of fish.

Catharine of Siena, an Ancient Lay Preacher. By Arthur T. Pierson. Funk & Wagnalls Company: New York. Price, 65 cents.

This little book holds a brief sketch of one of the most remarkable women of history—a "daughter of the people," who rose to be a tower of strength for purifying the church and ministering to the people. With a faith that swept all before it, her influence

swayed cardinals, princes and popes. Dr. Pierson has made this story of a holy woman of the Middle Ages delightfully interesting.

I Promise. By Rev. F. B. Meyer, B. A. United Society of Christian Endeavor: Boston and Chicago.

In this little scarlet-covered volume, appropriately called, "I Promise," Rev. F. B. Meyer adds to his long list of Bible commentaries a commentary upon the Christian Endeavor pledge. Its chapters deal with such themes as: "Salvation and Trust," "Winning God's Attention," and "What would Jesus Do?"

The Night Has a Thousand Eyes; and Other Poems. By F. W. Bourdillon. Little, Brown & Co.: Boston.

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Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.

"The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done."

Beck's Fortune. By Adele E. Thompson. Lee & Shepard: Boston. Price, \$1.50.

In "Beck's Fortune" we find a story that will be sure to interest the reader, while the moral lessons are of the best and conveyed in a charming manner. This first attempt of the author at book writing certainly deserves a wide circulation among older girls, for whom it is specially intended, and they will doubtless hope that the characters may reappear in future products of her facile pen. It is a capital book for the Sunday-school library.

Gladys Lindsay. By Mrs. S. K. Reeves. The Union Press: Philadelphia. Price, \$1.

In the last chapter of this story the author states that she has had constantly in memory, while writing, "one whose life was characterized by a true Christian consecration and a spirit of readiness to take up whatever the Master brought to her hand." "Whosoever ye will, ye may do them good," is Gladys' motto, which is wrought out in incidents covering several years of her young life. Mrs. Reeves' ideas regarding the dispensing of charity are somewhat open to criticism, and it seems hardly possible that such a paragon as her heroine could exist in real life.

Magazines

— **Education** for November contains several attractive articles, notably "Personal Improvement," by A. W. Edson; "Modern Tendencies in Education," by Rev. J. Hirst Hallowell; and "The Psychology of Learning a Foreign Language." (Kasson & Palmer: Boston.)

— **The North American** for November is a very interesting and valuable number. "International Arbitration" is presented from both the Russian and the American standpoint, F. De Martens speaking on the former, and Beth Low on the latter. Prof. Joseph F. Johnson answers the question, "Is Civil Service Reform in Peril?" Louis Windmüller writes upon "Food which Falls to Feed." The vital question of "The Anglican Church Crisis" is treated pro and con under the head of "The Rebellion against the Royal Supremacy," by the Earl of Portsmouth, and "How the Ritualists Harm the Church," by the Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour. (New York, 11 Warren St.)

— **The Quarterly Journal of Economics** for November contains several important

papers. W. J. Ashley writes upon "The Commercial Legislation of England and the American Colonies, 1660-1790." Charles Gide has an important contribution on "Productive Co-operation in France." Robert A. Woods, who has made a special study of the subject in the work itself, writes upon "University Settlements: Their Point and Drift." (George H. Ellis: Boston.)

— **The Biblical World** for November is an unusually valuable number to the Bible student. Prof. Nathaniel Schmidt writes upon "Nehemiah and his Work." An exceedingly instructive and luminous contribution is that by Rev. Dr. John P. Peters upon "The Hebrew Idea of Holiness." Dr. A. H. Bradford has a characteristic paper upon "The Spiritual Opportunity of the Sunday-school." (University of Chicago Press: Chicago.)

— In **Music** for November the editor writes "Something about Self-Playing Instruments." Pauline Jennings presents "Samuel P. Warren, Organist and Composer." M. Vincent d'Indy concludes his paper on "From Bach to Beethoven;" and Frank E. Drake has an instructive contribution on "Piano-playing as a Study." The regular editorial departments are filled with facts and suggestions of much value to musical students. (Music Magazine Publishing Co.: Chicago.)

— "The Case of the Negro," as we have previously indicated, by Booker T. Washington, in the **Atlantic Monthly** for November, is a remarkable paper, and should be read by every true friend of the Negro. "Justice for the Boy," by Jacob Rile, is another contribution by a specialist who knows what he is writing about, that should have the attention of would-be philanthropists. William Cunningham writes on "The Good Government of an Empire." There are several other articles of a high order of merit. (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.: Boston.)

— **The Treasury** for November contains the usual well-selected sermonic matter, in fresh sermons preached by prominent ministers and in treatment of practical Christian subjects such as prayer-meeting and Sunday-school. There is a very pertinent sermon by Rev. Dr. David Gregg on, "Why Not Men?" (E. B. Treat & Co.: New York.)

— A very interesting paper, both in the matter presented and in the illustrations, is that by Sylvester Baxter in **Harper's Magazine** for November, entitled, "Boston at the Century's End." The cars are represented as already running upon the elevated railway, but the title will justify that fact. Another finely illustrated paper is "The First American: His Homes and His Households (III): In Philadelphia and Germantown." Julian Ralph writes upon "India's Threshold," and Hon. John Barrett upon "America in the Pacific and the Far East." (Harper & Brothers: New York.)

— Perhaps the handsomest number of the **Century Magazine** ever issued is that which bears date November, 1899. The cover design includes a portrait of Cromwell redrawn on stone and printed in four tints. The experiment in color printing is not confined to these two portraits, nor to the illustrations in the opening installment of John Morley's study of Cromwell; it extends also to the striking full-page and half-page drawings and marginal sketches with which Seton Thompson supplements the work of his pen in narrating the first part of "The Biography of a Grizzly." Gov. Roosevelt writes with characteristic forcefulness of "Military Preparedness and Unpreparedness." In the life-story of a Maine farmer and longshore sailor living near his summer home in Maine, President Eliot of

Harvard resumes his occasional contributions on "The Forgotten Millions." Captain Slocum continues his "single-handed" cruise around the world, taking the "Spray" this month to Robinson Crusoe's Island and Stevenson's Sarnos. (The Century Co.: New York.)

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WOES OF INTEMPERANCE

I Preliminary

1. GOLDEN TEXT: *Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.* — Prov. 20: 1.

2. HOME READINGS: *Monday* — Prov. 23: 29-35. *Tuesday* — Isa. 5: 8-18. *Wednesday* — Isa. 5: 18-25. *Thursday* — Prov. 20: 1-11. *Friday* — Nahum 1: 1-10. *Saturday* — Isa. 24: 1-13. *Sunday* — Matt. 24: 42-51.

II Introductory

Our lesson depicts the evils of strong drink — evils that were as palpable and degrading in Solomon's time as in our own. "Who hath woe?" the writer asks. "Who hath sorrow?" Who carry about with them such a weight of woe that they can vent themselves only in despairing interjections? Whose lives are filled with quarrels with others and bitter self accusations? Who suffer from unnecessary wounds and injuries? Whose eyes are bloodshot? And the writer answers his own questions. These wretched people are drunkards, who cannot leave wine alone until they can drink no longer, and who spur their appetites by spicing the intoxicating cup. And then the moral is pointed — resist the beginnings! Do not gaze upon the wine as it brims the cup! Look not upon its ruddy hue, its enticing sparkle! The eye inflames the desire. Beware therefore! "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Nor is this fatal appetite confined to its own limits. It excites the basest passions. It leads its victim to the haunts of sensuality, and unlooses his tongue to utter "perverse things." Further, the drunkard is exposed, in his unconsciousness, to serious personal peril. Robbed of his senses he is like one who makes his bed in the midst of the rolling deep, or falls asleep when clinging to the reeling mast. Blows fall upon him in his drunken stupor, but he does not feel them. And learning no lesson from his sad experiences, when he awakes he seeks again the fatal poison.

III Expository

29. Who hath woe? — "Who hath *oh*?" Who are reduced to that state where they utter only interjections of pain and misery? Who hath sorrow? — The word rendered "sorrow" is not found elsewhere, and is supposed to be also an interjection, the root idea being that of distress. Quite likely the stupefied victims of drink in Solomon's day were wont to use these words, *oh* and *abo*. Who hath contentions? — Drink often has the effect to make a man quarrelsome. There is a stage in drunkenness known as "fighting drunk," when the frenzied man rages like a wild beast, attacking friend and foe alike, utterly deaf to all reason or persuasion. Many a wretched wife or child has been subjected to indescribable brutalities from the hands of a husband or father crazed with drink. Who hath babbling? — The Authorized Version was fortunate in using this word "babbling;" for, while the effect of drink in some cases is to sharpen wit and

stimulate genius, its more common effect is to rob a man of all sense or coherency of speech and to cause him to utter driveling folly. But the Revised Version prefers, instead of "babbling," the word "complaining," meaning probably the sighs and self-accusations that follow a drunken revel. Who hath wounds without cause? — injuries incurred not in noble warfare, but in shameful quarrels or in accidents which would never have happened had the man been sober. It is wonderful how a man in drink will sometimes escape from serious peril — will sometimes sustain injuries that would have killed him outright had he possessed his senses at the time; but on the other hand surgeons tell us that there is no class of men who receive so many and such ugly wounds as the victims of drink. Who hath redness of eyes? — bloodshot eyes; but the original means something more than "redness;" it means "darkened," or "dimming," referring to the lack-lustre look in a drunkard's eye, so different from the sparkle of health.

30. They that tarry long at the wine — they who fill themselves full, who drink till they can drink no longer; who stimulate and sate appetite. Go to seek mixed wine — those who, not content with wine pure and simple, aim to discover a wine so spiced, or mixed with aromatics, as to make it more palatable and therefore more seductive. "Mixed drinks" nowadays are a fruitful source of drunkenness.

31. Look not . . . wine . . . red. — Look not, lest you crave it. Keep away from the enticement which the mere sight of it causes. Let not its blood-red juice seduce you to taste it. Give it its color in the cup — "give it its eye," referring either to its sparkle, or the beadlike bubbles which rise to the surface when certain wines are

poured out. When it moveth itself aright. — Says Plumptre: "The English suggests the thought of a sparkling wine; but the Hebrew word here and in the Song of Solomon 7: 9, where it is rendered 'goeth down sweetly,' describes rather the pellucid stream flowing pleasantly down the wine skin or jug into the goblet or throat."

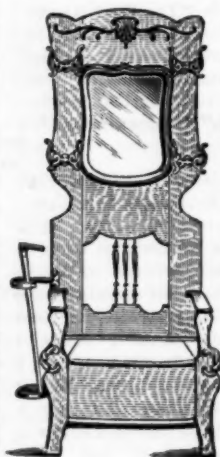
If there were no temperate drinking there would be none that is intemperate. Men do not begin by what is usually called immoderate indulgence, but by that which they regard as moderate. Gradually and insensibly their draughts are increased until the functions of life are permanently disturbed, the system becomes inflamed, and there is that morbid appetite which will hardly brook restraint, and indulgence of which is sordid intemperance. Let it be remembered, then, that what is usually styled temperate drinking stands as the condition precedent to that which is intemperate. Discontinue one, and the other becomes impossible. And what is the cause of moderate drinking? Is it the force of natural appetite? Rarely. Nine-tenths if not ninety-nine-hundredths of those who use alcoholic stimulants do it, in the first instance, and often for a long time, not from appetite, but from deference to custom or fashion. They "look" on the wine (Bishop Potter).

32. At the last — not "at the first;" the tempting bait conceals the hook until the poor victim is caught. Biteth like a serpent — unexpected, venomous, fatal. The figure is a vivid one, but not too vivid for truth. Stingeth like an adder — "supposed to be the Cerastes, or horned serpent" (Plumptre).

At the first it excites mirth and song; at the last it produces sorrow and curses; it breaks down the strongest frame, and sends weakness into the limbs and trembling into the flesh. At the first there may be health enough to resist the pernicious tendency of intoxication, so that with all the pleasures there are few of the pains of indulgence; at the last they become victims of manifold, inveterate, loathsome, and distressing diseases. In the beginning they count themselves of all men most happy; in the end they confess themselves of all men most miserable. In the beginning we have

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33. Thine eyes shall behold strange women. — "Wine is oil to the fire of lust." It inflames the basest passions. The bar leads to the brothel. Some commentators, and also the Revised Version, render the verse differently — "strange things," instead of "strange women;" but there is sufficient reason to adhere to the present translation; and were it ruled out, it would rob the picture of one of its most truthful features. Heart shall utter perverse things (R. V., "froward things") — unreasonable ex-ravagant, untruthful utterances.

What a misleading maxim is that of the Romans — *In vin veritas*! While it is a fact that the intoxicated man will blab many things which were best kept concealed, there is nothing which deteriorates truthfulness so rapidly as alcohol. The drinker becomes crafty, deceitful and untrustworthy. The miserable brain is haunted with chimeras, the imperious appetite suggests all kinds of subterfuges and evasions, the very "heart speaks frauds." Yes, nothing could be more accurate than this: the effect of drink is not so much to make the lips lie, as to make the inner man essentially insincere and deceptive (Horton).

34. As he that lieth down — finds a bed, goes to sleep. In the midst of the sea — either literally or figuratively. So stupefying is drink that its victim will lie down anywhere, even on the treacherous billow; or it may refer to the drunkard's swimming head and uneasy dreams. Lieth upon the top of a mast. — The masthead, or even the top, would be a perilous place for a man to yield to drowsiness. Insensibility to imminent danger is the teaching of both figures.

35. They have stricken me . . . I was not sick (R. V., "hurt") — the maudlin talk of a drunkard, discovering marks of violence upon himself which he attributes to others, and wonders how he could have received them without feeling the "hurt." They have beaten me . . . felt it not — wounds unconsciously incurred. "Footpads have attacked him, he would have us believe, and that is the explanation of his begrimed and blood-stained face, his torn clothes and his empty pockets" (Horton). When shall I awake? — The swimming sensation in his head reminds him that he is not yet himself. I will seek it yet again. — As though he said: "True, I'm pretty well battered up, but I didn't know it at the time, and I'm all right now; so here goes for another spree." The drinking habit dulls the conscience, hardens the heart, and robs the poor victim of all sense of shame and honor.

IV Illustrative

1. There is no sin which doth so deface God's image as drunkenness; it disguiseth a person and doth even unman him. Drunkenness makes him have the throat of a fish, the belly of a swine, and the head of an ass. Drunkenness is the shame of nature, the extinguisher of reason, the shipwreck of chastity, and the murder of conscience. The cup kills more than the cannon; it causes drop-

sies, catarrhs, apoplexies; it fills the eye with fire, and the legs with water, and turns the body into a hospital (T. Watson).

2. This vivid and forcible picture of the miserable sufferings, the contemptible vices and the helpless bondage which result from intoxicating drinks, is all the more impressive because there is no attempt made to enforce total abstinence as a principle. If, however, it is duly considered and understood, it is very likely to produce total abstinence as a practice, just as the object lesson of the drunken helot led every Spartan youth to turn with unspeakable loathing from the embrating vice. Modest minds, observing how the mighty are fallen, how this one curse has ruined the strongest, the best, and the most attractive of their fellow-creatures, insidiously leading them on, mocking them, and luring them into dangerous and poisonous marshes, will be inclined to say, as Daniel did, "I will abstain; I may be safe, or I may not; if I am safe, all I gain is a certain amount of animal pleasure; if I am not, what I lose is health, honor, wealth, even life itself — not the body only, but the soul too." The gain from the use of these things is very measurable and insignificant; the loss from their abuse is immeasurable, and the passage from use to abuse escapes at once our observation and control (Horton).

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"As an eagle stirreth up her nest . . . so the Lord alone did lead him." — DENT. 32: 11, 12.

WHAT a startling thought — that the breaking up of the nest is an act of God's benevolence! I always looked upon it as a calamity. We are all familiar with the experience of the breaking up of home. We remember the glad circle round the old fire, and how it grew thinner and thinner. One went to the colonies; one went out to be a governess; one departed with a stranger to a house of her own; more than one passed into the silent land. I always thought it a subject for tears. But here is an old writer who makes it a subject for praise, blesses God for it, declares it to be the first step of my education! I can understand God's love in many things. I can understand why I should praise Him for His gifts to body and soul. But I lose my breath in surprise when I am asked to make the first stanza of my hymn the adoration of His mercy in losing the ties of home!

Nay, my soul, it is to strengthen these ties that thy Father breaks up the nest. It is not to get rid of home He would teach thee to fly. It is that thou mayest learn by travel that thy home is wider than thy nest. He would have thee learn that in thy Father's house are many mansions, of which thy nest is only one. He would tell thee of a brotherhood in Christ which includes, yet transcends, thy household fires. He would tell thee of a family altar which makes thee brother to the outcast, sister to the friendless, father to the homeless, mother to the sick, son to the feeble, daughter to the aged — in kinship to all. Dost thou remember how the child Jesus in the temple lost His parents for a time? It was to Him the first breaking of the nest; it made Him think in His solitude of the wider house of His Father. So is it with thy temple, O my soul! Thy parents, thy brothers, thy sisters, leave thee behind; and in the vacant place there arises a new altar — humanity. Thy Father has given thee wings in the night, wings in the breaking of thy ties. Thou hast soared by thy sorrow; thou hast loved by thy loss; thou hast widened by thy weeping; thou hast grown by thy grief; thou hast broadened in being broken; thou hast enlarged thy sympathy by emptying out thy treasures. The storm that shook thy nest taught thee to fly. — *Christian World*.

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Concord District

Lancaster.—The Epworth League, a few days ago, tendered a reception to the veteran members of their church. They were invited from 4 to 8 o'clock, with supper served at 5. A large number of them were present. It was a most delightful occasion, and greatly enjoyed by all. The ages were noted of a portion of them, and they averaged a little over 73 years.

Lyman.—The revival meetings which began Aug. 22 have closed after continuing nine weeks. Sixty-five sought the Lord, nearly forty-five of whom have been baptized. Mr. Holmes is still ready for the battle. He has been greatly helped by his ministerial brethren. Oct. 25 he began at Landaff.

Rumney.—As we write, special services are in progress at this place, and have been for a week. Rev. Messrs. Cleveland, Reynolds and Boultonhouse are assisting Rev. D. Cotton. A good spirit prevails, but no one has publicly sought the Lord up to this time. They continue another week.

Groveton Camp-ground.—On September 26 a company met here and shingled the preachers' stand, tore away all the old seats, and left the ground bare. The place will be graded, and next spring new seats put in.

West Thornton.—Two weeks of revival services have been held. They were meetings of much profit. At the presiding elder's visit 3 were baptized by immersion and received into the church, 3 on probation, and 1 into full membership. The people to the number of over forty gathered at the parsonage a few evenings ago to surprise the pastor, Rev. A. P. Reynolds, on his birthday. They presented a beautiful willow rocker to both the pastor and wife. Such deeds are just like these people.

Warren.—The financial management of this year is better than for some time. The claim is nearly met to date. There is an increasing interest in the work with many of the people. Special services will soon be held.

Alexandria.—The pastor rejoices that one soul has sought the Lord.

Personals.—Rev. Mellen Howard and wife have gone to Bethlehem to spend the winter with their son, Rev. C. M. Howard.

The wife of Rev. G. N. Dorr, of Woodsville, who has been confined to the house for some weeks with illness, is improving. This church has just lost two of its most helpful families—Mrs. Winslow, who has gone to East Boston, and Mr. Andrews, who has gone to Windsor, Vt. They will be greatly missed.

Rev. J. B. Aldrich has been aiding in the revival work in his vicinity. At his home they have just welcomed a new boy.

A very helpful brother in the north country is Rev. J. H. Winslow, a located member of the Vermont Conference, who lives at Whitefield. He is frequently found in the pulpits of the brethren, and is always very acceptable.

Rev. Elihu Snow has decided not to continue the work at Bow and Bow Mills, as the exposure of the winter will be considerable. He will remain in charge of the work at York Beach. By thus being careful of himself he expects to be fully able for work in the spring.

Preachers' Meeting.—The White Mountain Ministerial Association held its fall meeting at Littleton, Oct. 23 and 24. There was a good attendance of the preachers, and the well-arranged program was fully carried out. The addresses and papers were excellent in matter and spirit. It would have been helpful if every preacher could have been present. The winter meeting will be held at Stratford Hollow, in the early part of February. Revs. W. P. Ineson, J. L. Felt, and W. T. Carter are the committee on program for that meeting.

The State Sunday-school Convention, of which Rev. C. E. Quimby, of Tilton, is State secretary, met in Keene, Nov. 7 and 8.

At various places on the district special services are in progress. Good results are anticipated all along the line.

Stark, Crystal, West Milan, Milan.—All these for one Sunday made quite a day's work. Four sermons, two quarterly conferences, two sacramental services, and fifteen miles of travel, most

of it in the rain; but we came out able for an eight-mile drive before 7 o'clock the next morning. The work at Stark shows signs of improvement; the pastor's claim was paid up to date. There has been a good interest at Crystal, where we have a wide-awake Epworth League. A recent evening was given to reports from the convention at Tilton, and we venture the assertion that very few, if any, of the larger churches could have a better program than that furnished here. The work at West Milan, we regret to say, is lacking in some of the most needed features. It gives us a great deal of concern. At Milan, Rev. A. W. Frye is diligent, and the work is very hopeful. A Sunday-school that is doing well has been organized at Dummer.

Ashland, Preachers' Meeting.—There was a good attendance and a most excellent meeting. The brethren who were not present were most of them engaged in special revival services. The committee on program invited Rev. John Hooper to come and preach both evenings and conduct evangelistic services. This he did with good effect. He preached excellently. The first evening two came to the altar, who professed conversion. The program of the meeting was well carried out, the papers, addresses and discussions being helpful, spiritual and stimulating. It will be a blessing to that church. The pastor, Rev. E. C. E. Dorion, had held meetings for two weeks previous to our coming, being his own evangelist and preaching six evenings a week. The meetings continued after we left. It is probable the next meeting, in February, may be held at Laconia, First Church. The committee to prepare for it are Revs. W. M. Cleveland, A. L. Smith, and Roscoe Sandersen.

Laconia.—The renewed and beautified church at Laconia was reopened Thursday evening, Nov. 2. The services were in charge of the presiding elder, and participated in by the different evangelical pastors of the city. The sermon was by Rev. Samuel McLaughlin, of Manchester, and was full of the Gospel. The congregation filled the church. The repairs consist of a steel ceiling, frescoed walls, hard-wood floor, carpet in the aisles, and all the woodwork newly dressed. It looks very pretty. Probably no audience-room in the city is more attractive than this one. Mr. Smith and his people have worked well and given generously. The cost is not far from \$600, and only about \$100 remains unprovided for. The pastor is now to begin a series of revival services.

A Great Lecture and Lecturer.—The little village of North Stratford has had lecture courses for some years, and brought there some of the best talent on the platform. Among others they are to bring to that north country this year is Bishop Fowler, who on Dec. 1 is to lecture on "Great Deeds of Great Men." This

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Dover District

Kingston.—The District Preachers' Meeting was held with this church, Oct. 16 and 17. Rev. T. E. Cramer preached an excellent sermon. The audience was good. Reports from churches by the pastors were very encouraging. There is quite a revival interest in the district. The churches were grouped for concerted effort in revival work, for emphasizing the benevolences, and to secure the best results for the Twentieth Century movement. The meeting was handsomely entertained by the good people of Kingston, and we hope it may prove a blessing to the society.

North Wakefield.—Rev. W. A. Hudson writes that some souls are seeking the Lord and that there is a general spiritual quickening in the society.

William Blake, aged 81 years, died at the home of his son-in-law, Luther W. Sanborn, Sept. 30. For fifty years he had been an active member of the Methodist Church and a subscriber to Zion's Herald. His home was always open to the itinerant. He loved God and God's people. His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. A. Hudson, assisted by Rev. George Hudson and Rev. G. W. Jones.

Rev. George Hudson, father of the pastor, is preaching in the Free Baptist Church at Leighton's Corner in Ossipee.

Somersworth.—Rev. T. E. Cramer and wife took in the Dewey celebration in Boston, attending service on Sunday at Tremont Street Church. Rev. Mr. Love, father-in-law of Mr. Cramer, supplied his pulpit. Rev. John Collins preaches as occasion offers.

Merrimacport.—The pulpit platform has been enlarged and greatly improved. Book-racks are being put into the pews. C. M. Tibbets, a member of this church, has entered the Boston Theological Seminary. He supplied the pulpit recently at Alexandria.

East Kingston.—Mr. and Mrs. Allan A. Morrill, of Chicago, who have a beautiful summer residence in this village, have presented the society with a fine clock for the tower of the church, which is greatly appreciated by the citizens. It is a good thing to call the attention of the people to the house of God. May the clock prove a good time-keeper, and may none miss the Gospel train!

Newmarket.—The Ladies' Society, under the presidency of Mrs. F. O. Tyler, is a live body and a fine auxiliary to the church. The pastor gave

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Newfields.—Mrs. Dr. Pike is in comfortable health, and is now visiting her daughter in Boston. Business in town has improved considerably the past year. Some sixty instead of twenty men, as formerly, are working in the foundry. Church finances are in a good condition. "An elect group," with their pastor, tarried in the inner courts of the temple one Sunday night until the early hours of the morning, wrestling with God. The day breaketh.

Hampton.—The class-meeting revival has not only struck Hampton, but continues to abide. For more than a year two class-meetings have been maintained with increasing attendance and interest. The spirit of love is in the air, breathed forth from hearts inspired by Him whose name and nature is love. Union prayer-meetings are being held Tuesday evenings.



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Lebanon Methodism has recently enjoyed a banquet in Lincoln Hall in that village of which the *Free Press* gives the following report: "The banquet enjoyed by the Methodist Episcopal Church was an event long to be remembered by those who attended. The most careful arrangement for the tables was carried out, and Lincoln Hall was a beautiful sight, completely filled with tables, elegantly set, and laden with good things to eat and a profusion of flowers. Rev. Edgar Blake was toast-master. The first toast was, 'Our Church, the Past, the Present, the Future.' W. E. Hoffman responded for 'The Past,' giving many pleasant reminiscences of the church in Lebanon during the last quarter century; Rev. T. Trevillian spoke feelingly on

'The Present,' and Chas. C. Smith made a telling speech on what the church ought to be in the future. To the toast 'Benefits of Social Life,' Mrs. E. H. Thompson gave an interesting paper. E. H. Thompson was then introduced and gave his ideas of what the best church music should be. To the toast, 'The Ladies,' Charles J. Fowler responded. To the toast, 'The Gentlemen,' Mrs. C. N. Morse, Miss Allee M. Colburn, and Miss Nellie M. Blodgett responded. 'The Best Things in Life,' was most beautifully responded to by Miss Susie I. Doty. Three hundred and fifteen sat down to the tables."

Derry.—The 65th anniversary of the organization of the First Methodist Church of the village was observed recently. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Adams, preached an anniversary sermon and read the names of all who have acted as pastors of the church since it was organized. Forty years ago Mr. Adams was the pastor of this church, and remained two years, assisting in

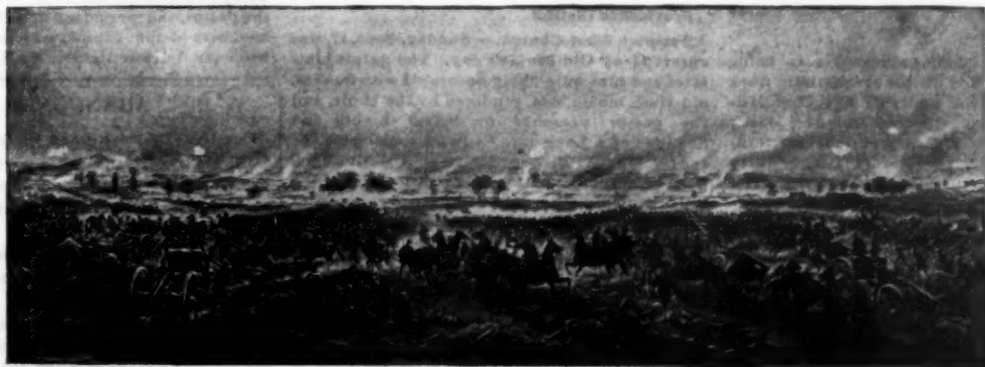


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N. E. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Norwich District

Revival is the all-absorbing thought, the predominant idea, throughout the district at the present time. A large proportion of the churches and nearly all the pastors are engaged in special services on the "group plan," and a gracious harvest of souls is being garnered. Such a widespread interest and enthusiasm for the salvation of souls has not been felt for many years; and God is owning and blessing the concentrated faith and labor of His co-workers. Our presiding elder carries the fire in his own soul, and is giving wise and zealous leadership to the great work both by voice and pen. In many instances the quarterly conferences have become the place "of one accord," where earnest prayer and consecration have prepared the way for the Pentecost that followed. To God be all the glory. And the end is not yet.

Norwich, North Main St.—The pastor, Rev. C. H. Van Natter, and his people have shared largely in the revival wave which is sweeping over the district. The "group meetings" at this church were signally blessed of God. Internal divisions were healed, reconciliations between estranged members effected, backsliders reclaimed, and sinners converted. As the legitimate outcome of this genuine religious awakening the church has taken on a new lease of life in temporal affairs. The pastor is abundant in labors in the "group meetings" of surrounding charges. He has also in charge a weekly class of beginners in Greek under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of the city.

Hazardville.—Bishop Mallalieu spent Sunday, Oct. 23, with this church. On Saturday evening an informal reception was held at the parsonage, which gave the people an opportunity to meet the Bishop socially. On Sunday he preached to large and delighted congregations both morning and evening. At an after-meeting in the evening he presented to the large-hearted, generous givers of this church the claims of East Greenwich Academy, and secured pledges for \$1,000 for that institution. This is the first official episcopal visit this church has received, and many of the people heard a bishop preach for the first time. Bishop Mallalieu was the guest of David Gordon, lay delegate to the last General Conference. Rev. W. S. McIntire is the popular pastor of this prosperous and united people.

Personal.—Rev. James Tregaskis is being greatly blessed of God in his evangelistic work this fall. He has been assisting Rev. O. R. Miller at the Highlands Church, Holyoke, Mass., and a very blessed work has resulted. On Sunday evening, Oct. 23, there were twenty-three seekers at the altar. He opened at the First Church in the same city, Oct. 30. SCRIPPTUM.

New Bedford District

Preachers' Meeting.—It was a bright thought on the part of the presiding elder to appoint the Preachers' Meeting on dates preceding the Epworth League convention, and to have the hospitality offered of a church so near the place of meeting of the convention as Marion. An unusually large number of ministers were present through both meetings. The church at Marion showed its ability and hospitality by the generous way in which it provided for the visitors. Every paper on the program was presented. The topics were timely and called forth some clear and helpful discussion. The closing service, a ministers' class-meeting, was a spiritual feast at which the Holy Spirit was very sensibly present. The closing sermon was by Rev. Eben Tirrell, of Pleasant St. Church, New Bedford, and resulted in an altar-service at which three signified their desire to begin the Christian life. So marked was the presence of the Spirit that the pastor, Rev. C. H. Walter, deemed it advisable to begin extra meetings at once. He is being assisted by his brethren in the ministry.

West Dennis.—An old debt of \$250 has been paid. Special revival services are planned for November. Dr. L. B. Bates, of Boston, will assist from the 13th to the 20th. There is an earnest spirit among pastor and people and large things

are expected of the Lord. The county convention of King's Daughters will be held in this church the last of the month. Mrs. Bottome, the national president, will be present, her health permitting. Rev. J. T. Docking is pastor.

Pleasant St., New Bedford.—Those who have the financial matters in hand forestall any possible deficiency in the middle of the year by an annual reunion, which proves a very pleasant and helpful affair socially and nets the church a neat sum by voluntary contribution. Special evangelistic services begin Nov. 19. The pastor, Rev. E. Tirrell, will be assisted by Misses Frost and Simpson, evangelists.

East Bridgewater.—A new furnace has been put into the church and the parsonage has been shingled. Funds for the payment of these bills are provided for. Rally day was observed the last Sunday in September. One was received by letter, Oct. 1. Special services are about to begin under hopeful conditions. Rev. N. B. Cook is pastor.

Osterville.—On Oct. 18 the Epworth League tendered a reception to the president, Mr. Geo. D. Lewis, and his bride, whom he has lately brought from the New Hampshire hills. The vestry was bright with autumn leaves and flowers. Substantial gifts were presented to the newly-wedded couple. Oct. 22 was observed by an "old folks' service." The pastor, Rev. E. M. Antrim, preached an appropriate sermon and there was special music. Three members of this church passed their 80th milestone in September, and there are others still older. Some are confined to their homes by feebleness, but others meet every Sunday in the sanctuary and are also present at the mid-week prayer-meeting. In the evening a harvest concert was given. The church was decorated with the fruit of orchard, garden and field. A grape-vine with clusters of fruit encircled the archway back of the pulpit and was very pretty. The choir rendered special music. The singing by the children was well carried out. Oct. 29 one young man was received into full membership.

Yarmouth Camp-meeting Association.—At the annual meeting reports showed that this year was one of the most successful on all lines for some time. The good work of Presiding Elder Everett and Mr. Isaiah Snow, the agent, is very manifest. With the debt provided for and with an increasing interest in the meetings, the outlook is very encouraging. Arrangements are under way to make next year's meeting still more attractive. L. S.

Providence District

Newport, First Church.—Sunday, Sept. 17, was observed as Old People's day. The pulpit platform and font were finely decorated with flowers, old-time music was rendered by the choir, and the pastor preached on "The Lights and Shadows of a Long Life." In harmony with the suggestion of Bishop Mallalieu, Wednesday, Oct. 4, was observed as a day of prayer for the Holy Spirit. The Epworth League week of prayer, Oct. 8-15, was also observed. Revs. F. L. Streeter and J. O. Randall, of Providence, preached, rendering excellent service. The Literary department of the Epworth League held its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, Oct. 17. The subject for the autumn and winter will be, "The Renaissance in Italy." Dr. Bradley, the vice-president of the department, read a paper introductory to the general subject, and the pastor Rev. J. H. Allen, gave an extended address on "Forty Days in Italy."

Mansfield.—Rev. J. E. Fischer, evangelist, of Wickford, R. I., is to help the pastor, Rev. E. F. Studley in a series of meetings which are to begin about the first of November. Mr. Fischer is now at work with the pastor of the Willimantic Church, Rev. L. G. Horton. He is a safe and valuable worker, and is held in honor where he lives. Mr. Studley is giving the people some very interesting sermons, and on Sunday evenings his discourses are made attractive to all classes. During the past summer 738 bouquets were sent to the Deaconess Home in Providence, the parsonage has been repainted, and new singing books (Pentecostal Hymns No. 2) have been placed in the church. One person has been received on probation this month. The monthly calendar of the church is full of interesting items. A form for a reception of members into the League is unique and calculated at the service where used to impress not only the candidate

with a due sense of obligation, but to recall theirs to the older members.

Providence, Asbury Memorial Church.—A brilliant wedding took place in this church, Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 7 o'clock P. M. The contracting parties were Mr. Herman Samuel Rich and Miss Minnie Catherine Phillips, both of this city. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Charles A. Phillips, president of the board of trustees of this church. The groom is in cotton brokerage business and a very promising young man. His father is a manufacturer in Easthampton, Mass. Mr. Edward T. Mason, organist and musical director of the Baptist Temple, Fall River, Mass., a friend of the bride's family, rendered a pleasing recital during the half-hour preceding the ceremony. After the wedding at the church a reception was held at the home of the bride, and was an elegant affair. The presents included many costly pieces in silver, cut glass, a set of Haviland china, and many art products. At the ceremony in the church at least five hundred invited guests were present. The wedding tour includes the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, etc.

The harvest concert was held Oct. 22, and was one of the best. The decorations were unique and pleasing. Several striking features in the program called forth much commendation. Mr. George E. Baker, the superintendent, by whose genius the decorations are always appropriate to the subject matter of the program, Miss Marian E. Cooper, who originated a part of the program and with the assistance of Miss Louise Phillips arranged it, and Miss Annie Gosa, by whom the music was arranged, all more than met the expectations of the large audience present.

Providence, St. Paul's Church.—A series of "rally days" have occurred in this church during October. The 8th was Sunday-school rally day, which brought out a large attendance and a large collection—\$15.80. Among those present who gave addresses were ex-superintendent H. K. Gardner, Eugene Lawton, Olin Hill, Wm. G. Hawley, the superintendent of the infant room, Mrs. Ellen Deleny, and Rev. R. C. Grose. An original poem by Mrs. Mattie Hawkins was read. The exercises were in charge of Mr. C. O. Bixby, superintendent. Oct. 15 was Old Folks' day. Carriages were provided for those too infirm to reach the church. Among those who walked, however, was one lady of 90 and two women, one aged 82 and the other 93. Thirty-five persons were present whose ages ranged from 70 to 95 years. Oct. 22 was Epworth League day. The auditorium of the church was decorated with the League colors. A sermon on "Character Building" was delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. A. L. Rich, D. D., in the morning, and in the evening the pastor, the president of the League, and the members of the cabinet had seats on the platform and delivered addresses. Great satisfaction

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with the program was expressed by those present.

East Weymouth.—The Methodist Episcopal Church at East Weymouth is, in some respects, one of the most successful and influential churches in the bounds of the New England Southern Conference. It has a church edifice situated most favorably for the accommodation of the people living in this part of the town. Quite recently, about \$3,600 have been expended in repairs and improvements, and the money to meet this outlay has nearly all been paid. The numbers attending church on the Sabbath will average two hundred, and the social meetings are well sustained. The Sabbath school and Epworth League are in good working condition, while class-meetings, missionary societies, King's Daughters' Circle and Ladies' Aid Society fill out the other live and efficient branches of church work. Oct. 17, the pastor, Rev. A. W. Kingsley, assisted by Rev. L. B. Bates, D. D., began a series of protracted meetings. These continued till Oct. 30, and were most interesting and helpful. The church was greatly quickened in its spiritual life, and several conversions resulted as well. The days spent in this work will be long remembered, and will be fruitful of rich spiritual blessings for a long time to come. The interest has not abated since the close of the meetings, and a large ingathering of souls is confidently expected.

Brockton, Pearl St. Church.—Rev. D. L. Sharp, the pastor, having accepted a position in Boston University as instructor in English and also the position of assistant librarian, the presiding elder of the district, Rev. E. C. Bass, D. D., has filled the vacancy by appointing Rev. A. A. Mason, of Iowa Conference, and a student in the Boston University School of Theology, as supply pastor.

Seituate.—The pastorate left vacant here by the transfer of Rev. Joseph Cooper to Centreville, R. I., has been filled with a supply—Rev. J. F. Olive, member of Central Ohio Conference and now a student in the School of Theology.

Providence, Cranston St. Church.—A celebration of the liquidation of the \$1,000 debt so long on this property occurred on Wednesday evening, Nov. 1. It was a successful jubilee and enheartened the people greatly. The musical program included excellent solos by Miss Watts, Miss Beveridge and Mr. Maine. A "harpist" added to the pleasing effect. Dr. Bass, presiding elder, Rev. J. H. Newland, of Central Falls, president of the Providence Ministers' Meeting, who brought the felicitations of that body, Rev. A. J. Coultas, pastor of Trinity Union, Rev. R. C. Grose of Olneyville Church, and Rev. Robert Clark of Wanskuck, made enjoyable addresses of congratulation. Rev. C. H. Ewer, pastor, presided. Among the elect lay people present were Dr. and Mrs. Soule, of East Greenwich.

KARL.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE

Bucksport District

East Maine Conference Seminary.—This seminary is having the largest fall term for three years, and prospects are good for a much larger term this winter. A very excellent spiritual interest prevails, which is increasing as the term progresses. The new teachers add great strength to the faculty, proving very skillful in their respective departments.

Bangor District

Dixmont.—Rev. W. T. Johnson, the pastor, has been transferred to N. E. Southern Conference, and takes up his abode in one of the shire towns of Connecticut. The people very much regret his going. We trust, however, it is of the Lord, and that he and his excellent family will be happy in their new field. The charge is open, and there is an excellent chance for some one to do good and be happy. The Union Church at East Dixmont will soon be ready for occupancy.

Dover.—The family of the pastor has been afflicted by quarantine on account of a very mild type of scarlet fever. The little fellows were restive, but the law must be observed. The work is greatly prospered. Some repairs have been made lately. Congregations are good and all departments are prospering. Rev. J. H. Irvine leads on this most excellent people.

Easton.—Rev. J. W. Hatch we find in most excellent spirits, settled in his new home, which is among the most desirable parsonages in the Conference—a new house, purchased about

Conference time, but greatly improved by an outlay of about \$400. The work is prospering, with good prospects of a new church at Easton Centre. A Junior and Senior Epworth League will be organized very soon.

Exeter and Corinna.—Revival meetings have been in progress for several weeks, with some good results. The pastor, Rev. E. A. Carter, has been helped by several of his ministerial brethren. The work is going well. Universal regret prevails that this must be the last year of the pastor with this people.

Forest City, etc.—The pastor, Rev. C. H. Raupach, and wife are to be congratulated, for into their home has been born a sweet little girl—the first, and, of course, the nicest to be found. Well, we regard them worthy of the best things. Faithful in the work committed to them, this charge is among the prosperous ones.

Guilford and Sangerville.—A great improvement is being made in the church edifice in Guilford. New pews, a new carpet, with complete renovation of basement and vestries, make this a very neat and convenient church. The cost is about \$1,000. The congregations at both points are good, and all departments are prospering. Several have been converted at Sangerville of late and the tide seems to be rising. The death of Mrs. D. B. Campbell, a devoted and loyal member, has occasioned great and universal sorrow. Rev. D. B. Dow, the pastor, is highly esteemed and is doing most excellent work.

E. H. B.

Rockland District

Rockport.—The church property has been re-insured. Oct. 8, 4 were received to membership. One has recently been converted. Nine dollars' worth of new books have been added to the Sunday school library. Four hundred pastoral calls are reported. Rev. N. B. Pearson knows his people. The Epworth and Junior Leagues are prosperous. A Ladies' Aid Society is being organized.

Clinton.—Work on the foundation of the church is well under way, \$600 having been subscribed to start the enterprise. Rev. J. A. Weed and his people are to be congratulated. This will put all our property on this charge in fine condition. It is well insured.

Chelsea.—Revival services are being held at No. 9. The pastor is being assisted by Miss Nellie Thompson. Eight have been converted.

China.—To the delight of all, Rev. F. H. Jones has resumed this pastorate for the balance of the year.

North Waldoboro.—At a recent festival over \$100 was raised on the indebtedness. Certainly the end thereof is near.

Winslow's Mills.—Nearly \$60 was harvested at the annual "Harvest Home." Again we rejoice at a prospective debt burial.

Dresden.—A new home for the pastor has been purchased in the village. He will be well settled before cold weather.

Damariscotta.—Rev. G. B. Chadwick continues in a critical condition. His faith is strong and his hope bright. He says: "Tell the brethren that Jesus is better than I ever preached Him to be."

Zion's Herald.—This historic paper is still vigorous and reliable. Its outspoken demand for righteousness in church and state is to be highly commended. Agitation of this subject will bear good fruit for years to come. Even

now some omens of good are seen. Every subscription list should be doubled.

General Conference Expenses.—Will pastors who have not done so please forward the full apportionment at earliest possible date?

W. W. OGDEN.

VERMONT CONFERENCE

Montpelier District

Montpelier.—The morning and evening congregations are from five hundred to six hundred each, with large attendance and enthusiastic interest in the class and mid-week prayer-meeting.

Randolph Centre.—A Junior League has been formed at this place with a good charter membership.

Bethel.—A few persons started at this place during the extra meetings held by Pastor Rainev.

Pittsfield.—Twenty-five will join this church as the result of the recent revival campaign, and previous work done by Pastor Parounagian. Mrs. Parounagian was elected superintendent of Junior League work at the recent District Epworth Convention at Springfield. Her previous experience in League work on St. Johnsbury District, combined with large natural aptitude, eminently fits her for the position.

Bradford.—Gifts from time to time are made toward the parsonage debt and furnishings both by former residents and those now living in town. The plan of monthly payments is very helpful to the pastor and presiding elder.

Union Village.—The walls of the parsonage are now up, and the work will be rapidly pushed. A fair recently held by the ladies netted over \$100 for the parsonage furnishing fund. It has been decided to put a furnace into the house. Mr. Lawton is working hard to keep all departments in the front line of efficiency.

Lewiston.—Pastor Fairbanks' out-district meetings have resulted in a few conversions; also in the general strengthening of the believers.

White River Junction.—Nearly or quite \$2,500 will be spent on repairs and the purchase of a pipe organ. The front of the church will be greatly improved architecturally; the vestries below will also be enlarged and beautified. The money for this has been raised by Pastor Hough, with the assistance of Mrs. Pingree, wife of the ex Governor. These improvements will be of great service to Methodism at the Junction.

Brownsville.—On Oct. 23 Pastor White baptized and received on probation 21 persons. This accession will be a source of great encouragement to the church.

Ludlow.—On a recent Sunday a sister asked prayers for her granddaughter. That very night the young lady came to the parsonage, and, after a long talk with the pastor and wife, finally knelt down and consecrated her life to the Lord. Harry H. Morgan of this place was unanimously elected president of the District Epworth League at its recent convention at Springfield. The fitness of this selection is conceded by all who know Mr. Morgan.

Chelsea.—At the last communion Pastor Allen baptized 24 and received 29 on probation. A few more will come later. A most gracious work has been wrought in both of the churches, and ozone put into the moral atmosphere of the whole town. Mrs. Allen is slowly rallying.

Wilmington.—Union revival meetings are now



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Bondville.—The new furnace has been put in place and is a great success. Best of all, the bills are paid. Pastor Currier is gradually gaining strength from his recent surgical operation, and hopes soon to be able to resume active service, meanwhile spending his time at his father's in South Tunbridge.

Thetford Centre.—Revival meetings are now being held at this place, Pastor Baker being assisted by Mr. Walker, the chalk-talker.

Preachers' Meeting.—The annual Preachers' Meeting of the district was held at Perkinsville Oct. 30-Nov. 1. Of the thirty-seven preachers on the district twenty-three were present at the meeting. Several others intended to come, but were prevented at the last moment. Two Baptist clergymen were also in attendance. When it is remembered that Perkinsville is a small place six miles from the railroad, and not in the centre of the district, and that the meeting was held during a time of mud and rain, this attendance seems all the more remarkable. And the interest and enthusiasm fully equaled the attendance. Good fellowship and a feeling of fraternity were marked features of the gathering, all the newcomers were made cordially welcome, and the "communion of the saints" was genuine and general. It was also a revival meeting, there being seven conversions at the first evening session and a deep spirit of earnestness throughout. Part of this was due to the devoted labors of Pastor Charlton in his regular work at Perkinsville, and part to the general revival spirit prevailing throughout the district.

Memorials to the General Conference were passed, praying for amendments to the Discipline, giving to all church members who have attained their legal majority suffrage in the election of stewards; and also requiring the Bishops to so arrange their work as to provide for the continuous supervision by the same Bishop of the same Conferences for an entire quadrennium, and for episcopal travel at large through those Conferences meanwhile. A strong petition was also sent to the Board of Control asking for the removal of Secretary Schell. The friends of Perkinsville broke all previous records in the matter of entertainment, giving free transportation from railroad station, six miles distant, providing a chicken dinner the second day, and doing everything possible to make our stay pleasant and profitable. The local attendance was phenomenally large.

The literary exercises were of a high order. The opening sermon was by Rev. Fred G. Rainey, of Randolph, who handled the subject of "Excuses" in a masterly way. This was followed by a remarkable altar-service, conducted by Secretary Lewis of Bellows Falls, the altar being literally filled with seekers. This gave tone to the subsequent sessions. The second evening service was given up to a general revival meeting, seven preachers telling the story of their conversion. The literary exercises were as follows: Review of John Fiske's "Evolution of Religion," W. A. Evans; "ZION'S HERALD, our New England Organ," Publisher Geo. E. Whitaker, Boston; "The Pastor in the Sunday-school," William E. Lang; "Where Does the Work of the Church Lie?" Chas. F. Partridge; "A Revival and How to Obtain it," Marcus B. Paroungian; "The Twentieth Century Movement in the Methodist Church," Ralph F. Lowe; "House-to-House Visitation," Charles O. Judkins; review of Rich's "Conditions of Renewed Progress of Methodism" in ZION'S HERALD of June 6, and ex-Gov. Dillingham's "Wanted, Men," in ZION'S HERALD of Oct. 18, Frank W. Lewis; "Secular Events of a Month from a Religious Standpoint," J. Edmund Badger; "The Church Choir and its Functions," Fred G. Rainey; "Culture of the Imagination," Alfred J. Hough. All in all, this was a most successful gathering of the preachers.

Among the items of business transacted was the election of a committee to arrange, if possible, for some kind of a literary and religious gathering of the preachers of the whole Conference once a year.

RETLAW.

—It is told that at a recent religious testimony meeting a man arose and said that he formerly lived in Grumble Corner, but had lately moved up to Thanksgiving Street, where the air was fresher, the sunshine brighter, the neighbors pleasanter.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Boston District

St. John's, South Boston.—Hunter and Crossley, the Canadian evangelists, well known in Boston for their great work in People's Temple, are coming to this church on Nov. 19, to begin a series of evangelistic services. A most excellent spiritual condition prevails in this church. On Nov. 5, 3 were received on probation and 2 into full membership. At the third quarterly conference, on Oct. 29, the presiding elder, Dr. Perrin, heartily congratulated the pastor and conference on the fine reports rendered, the splendid financial showing, and for securing Hunter and Crossley for revival work. The Sunday-school and the congregations are both increasing.

Stanton Ave., Dorchester.—This church is now complete in its equipment by the addition of a fine pipe organ. An organ recital and concert was given on the evening of Nov. 1 to a full house, realizing a handsome sum for the organ fund. Pentecostal services and revival meetings of great interest are now in progress. Twelve united with the church on Sunday, Nov. 5. Rev. C. H. Stackpole, pastor.

Jamaica Plain, First Church.—On the first Sunday of the month 8 new members were received—6 from probation and 2 by letter. Rev. G. R. Grose, pastor.

Bethany, Roslindale.—One was received by letter and one by profession of faith, Nov. 5. Special services are being held every evening, with a growing and deepening interest. Rev. A. H. Nazarian, pastor.

Highlandville.—Two were received by letter, Nov. 5. The attendance upon the Sunday-school was the largest in the history of the church. Rev. J. H. Tompson, pastor.

Worcester, Grace.—Sterling Aid Society had a meeting at Mrs. Coffin's, with a box supper which each gentleman purchased of the lady giving him an invitation. There were seventy-five at supper, and the proceeds go to help pay for the cottage at the camp-ground.

Laurel Hill.—The Ladies' Circle had its business meeting in the afternoon, at which they voted to hold a fair soon. Supper was served and a literary entertainment was given later.

Coral St.—Rev. Dr. Charles A. Crane gave the

second in the course of lectures, his subject being, "The Modern Christian."

Thomas St.—The finishing touches are being put on the church, and the pastor is planning for an elaborate dedication service not later than Dec. 1.

Trinity.—The revival services are held in the auditorium, and it is well filled. The meeting and the clock have no connection; the service holds as long as the audience is interested. Leon H. Vincent began the course of lectures, with some of our essayists for a subject. He received the closest attention. The W. F. M. S. met with Mrs. George A. Goddard to consider the subject of "Christian literature for heathen women." Mrs. Harrison gave the autobiography of a Light-bearer, the children sang, and Mrs. Irvin read a story. At the meeting of the Advanced Light-bearers Miss Eastman of Millbury gave a talk on "Light," using some original methods in object work. The mite-boxes were opened, and there was a banquet.

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Cambridge District

Auburndale.—The communion service, Nov. 5, was an occasion of special interest and power. Rev. W. T. Worth, the pastor, received 7 by certificate and 2 by profession of faith.

St. Paul's, Lowell.—Sunday, Nov. 5, 16 were received into the church—9 in full and 7 on probation—and 7 were baptized. Rev. L. W. Staples, pastor.

Lynn District

Tapleyville.—Sunday morning, Nov. 5, 4 persons were baptized—2 by immersion and 2 by sprinkling—4 persons were received on probation, 4 from probation into full connection, and 4 by letter. Two were forward for prayers at the evening services. Rev. H. B. King, pastor.

Everett, First Church.—Nov. 5, 8 were received on probation, 8 by certificate, 1 from probation, and 3 were baptized. A good spiritual interest prevails. Rev. C. M. Hall, pastor.

Beverly.—The 30th anniversary of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Beverly occurred in October. It was largely attended, and the services were deeply interesting. They commenced Sunday, the 15th, with a sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. N. Richardson, on Methodism past, present, and future, followed in the evening with an interesting address by Rev. Mr. Huiginn, pas-

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tor of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Services were continued five evenings during the week. Monday evening was church night. Good music was furnished by the choir of the North Beverly Congregational Church, and excellent addresses were given by Presiding Elder Thorndike and Rev. Mr. Barney of Beverly. Tuesday evening was Sunday-school night. A large chorus composed of the church choir and Sunday-school led the singing, the congregation joining with them. Rev. G. M. Smiley spoke interestingly on Sunday-school work and its success in the history of Methodism, and Mrs. Smiley gave one of her unique and pleasing talks on the changes in Sunday-school work during the last thirty years, covering the history of the society. Wednesday evening was Epworth League night. The Salem Circuit League united in this service, which gave the largest attendance of any evening of the week. The Mellish Quartet, daughters of Rev. I. M. Mellish, pastor of our church in Topsfield, furnished the music, which was greatly appreciated. Rev. F. J. McConnell, of Ipswich, gave a stirring address on "The Second Best," and Rev. Mr. Bulkeley gave a pleasing talk on "The Young People's Work and How to Do It." Thursday evening was ladies' night. Music was furnished by the Emmanuel Quartet, and Rev. F. H. Knight, of Salem, and Rev. Mr. Sanderson of the Congregational Church of Beverly, gave wide-awake addresses on woman's work in the church. It is not necessary to say that the ladies were greatly pleased. This feature of the anniversary was a good one, and the congregation was large and composed mostly of women. The Emmanuel Quartet furnished good music. Friday evening closed the anniversary exercises with a jubilee. Prof. Gaylord, of the Beverly High School, a Western Methodist who has recently come among us, gave a much-needed and interesting talk on "The Cheerful Christian." Deacon Morse of the Congregational Church brought the congratulations of his society, and Secretary Cotten spoke for the Y. M. C. A. From the first service to the last the singing and speaking were excellent. The various departments of church work were discussed, and a new inspiration has been given to the work of the society here.

The church feels indebted to the pastors who so efficiently aided in this anniversary and helped so much in making it a success; also to the choirs and quartets that furnished such ex-

cellent music. New families are coming in, and new faces are seen every Sunday in the congregation. The Sunday-school is growing, and the Epworth League is doing a good work. Several have united with the church recently, a better and more hopeful feeling prevails among the people, and the outlook is more encouraging.

One very pleasing feature of the anniversary was the reception given each night from 7 to 7.45 in the vestry. The vestry was converted into a pleasant parlor, the settees being removed, sofas and rockers taking their places, with mats and bunting, draperies and curtains, lamps and pictures, and Chinese lanterns. Much credit is due the committee who had this matter in charge, especially the secretary, Miss Hattie Stafford.

Malden, Maplewood Church.—The pastor, Rev. J. R. Cushing, is conducting special services, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Kennedy, Durgin and Sharp. The church is having prosperity on all lines.

Springfield District

Chicopee.—Rev. O. W. Scott is hard at work, longing for times of spiritual refreshing on this charge and expecting the same, and encouraged by some evidences that what he desires is at hand. Mrs. Scott attended the meeting of the General Executive Committee of the W. F. M. S. in Cleveland, she being a member of the same.

West Brookfield.—Special meetings have been held with cheering results. Misses Loynes and Humphrey, of Springfield, gospel singers, rendered efficient assistance.

West Parish and Granville.—Rev. J. A. Day is faithfully working this widely extended field, and all interests show his careful, conscientious touch. Mrs. Day is far from well, suffering from a fall and also from long-standing complications. The recent annual festival, in which chicken pies had a prominent part, was very successful. For thirty-two years this pleasant reunion of neighbors and former townspeople has occurred. Mr. L. L. Harris, a local preacher from the Westfield Church, took the pastor's place at every meeting, Sunday, Oct. 22, and gave most acceptable service.

Southampton.—A two weeks' earnest effort for the salvation of sinners and the awakening of the church has been crowned with some success. The deep spirituality of the meetings evidences a quickened religious life among the people. The pastor, Rev. T. O. Radoslavoff, has been tireless in his work. Rev. G. B. Dean, of Boston, and neighboring pastors have assisted.

Pelham.—"The pastor, Rev. R. C. Jacobs, and his wife, are doing first-class work." Such is the report by one who knows the work here. Some improvements have been made on the property.

Williamsburg.—This is a small charge with a good history behind it. Amid the changes of

population the church is holding on and trying to do good work. Rev. H. H. Weyant and wife are "in labors more abundant."

Ludlow.—On the evening of Oct. 25 Rev. O. H. Spaulding addressed an Epworth League gathering, greatly to their satisfaction. The pastor, Rev. F. H. Wheeler, is indefatigable in labors and is bringing desirable results to pass.

Greenfield.—The work appears to be in good condition. In October Rev. W. C. Townsend and his people held three weeks of extra meetings. The last week he had assistance from several neighboring preachers, and during the first week Misses Humphrey and Loynes, of Springfield, aided much by their singing and practical talks. Over twenty persons have risen for prayers, and Mr. Townsend expects shortly to publicly receive a good-sized class of probationers, have a baptismal service, and receive some by letter. The congregations in attendance upon preaching are growing larger, and the Sunday-school, in charge of Supt. Bonner M. Lamb, is increasing in interest and in attendance.

Athol.—The pastor, Rev. L. P. Causey, has returned from a month's vacation spent in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. During his absence he has contributed several very interesting letters to the local church paper, the *Church Record*. All rejoice at his return. Union evangelistic services, under the auspices of the Congregational, Advent, Baptist and Methodist churches and the Y. M. C. A., began Wednesday night, Nov. 8, at the Congregational Church. Evangelist Jackson, of Melrose, is in charge, and many earnest prayers are offered that God will abundantly bless his labors. A literary entertainment under the auspices of the League was held in the vestry on the evening of Nov. 6. It was a "Current Events" evening, with appropriate music and with the following papers read and discussed: "South African War," Albert Farr; "Liquid Air," George E. Lilley; "Our Mid-Ocean Possessions," M. Idella Oliver; "Dewey's Philippine Career," Mrs. C. W. Colburn. The Epworth League has recently expended \$300 in repairing and beautifying the ladies' parlor, and is purposing to make further improvements in the near future.

Wilbraham.—The school and the church are largely identified. A good number of students are in attendance upon the Academy this year, a majority of them young men. The class of young men is very hopeful, too; they are not small boys,

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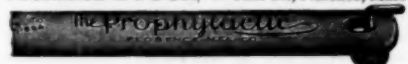


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but, very largely, eighteen or twenty years old or more, and having an earnest purpose.

Presiding Elder Knowles informs the writer that since camp-meeting fully half of the churches on the district have reported conversions. Everywhere he finds a deeper interest than usual in the matter of revival; indeed, never has he found in the quarterly conferences so healthful and earnest a spirit as regards a revival of religion.

Springfield, Trinity.—A Union Junior League rally was held on Sunday, Oct. 29, with five Leagues represented. Miss Nellie Knowles presided. Rev. O. W. Scott, Junior League superintendent for First General Conference District, made an address which was listened to with great interest.

Bondsville.—Revival meetings have been in progress here.

Springfield District Preachers' Meeting held a session last Monday, with sixteen present. A paper by Rev. G. H. Rogers on the Twentieth Century Thank-offering was followed by a discussion of the general subject. The meeting memorialized the New England Conference Twentieth Century Thank-offering Commission to endeavor to secure from the General Commission the inclusion, in amounts reported, of moneys paid for new church property.

Chicopee Falls.—Early in October the Epworth League held installation services, with an excellent address by Rev. H. L. Wriston. On Oct. 8 the pastor, Rev. A. H. Herrick, preached the annual "sermon to old people;" and on the following Thursday the exercises of the yearly Old Folks' day were held. This occasion is anticipated with great interest by the elderly people of the church and of the town, for the invitations are not confined to attendants upon the church. Many return from other places for the day. A bountiful dinner was partaken of by perhaps 150 people. In the afternoon addresses were made by Presiding Elder Knowles, Rev. O. W. Scott of Chicopee, the pastor of the local Baptist Church, Mr. Darling of Springfield, who was long resident here, etc. It is proposed to add to the exercises, next year, a love-feast, to be led by some old-time member.

Revival services are in progress, the pastor having on some nights the assistance of neighboring pastors, and efficient service being rendered by Misses Humphrey and Loyne, sweet Gospel singers from St. Luke's Church, Springfield.

Ministers' Wives' Association.—The October meeting of the Ministers' Wives' Association of Springfield District was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Shatto, of Northampton, on the 24th. Despite the cloudy day, the attendance was very good, and a most enjoyable and profitable afternoon was spent. Tables were prettily arranged about the rooms, on which a dainty and bountiful lunch was served by the hostess and assistants. The meeting was called to order by the president at 3:20. Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. J. O. Knowles and Mrs. Weyant. Mrs. Shatto had charge of the singing, with Mrs. Spaulding presiding at the piano. Vacation experiences were then given by Mrs. Shatto, Mrs. Alvord and Mrs. Morris of Northampton, Mrs. Dockham of Florence, Mrs. Merrill and Mrs. Spaulding of Springfield, and Mrs. Thrasher of Northampton.

E. A. THRASHER, Rec. Sec.

G. E. B. (Congregationalist) writes from Northampton: "The Methodist Episcopal Church is doing a fine work under the ministry of Rev.

Charles Arden Shatto. While he is deeply interested as a citizen in all that makes for good in the city, his best and persistent energies are given to his church. As a building, it is finely equipped for its social life—kitchen, dining-room, parlors, are well adapted to the use designed; a small organ and choir, but efficient, adding to true worship. The congregation has greatly increased under Mr. Shatto's ministry. A thoughtful, studious, scholarly man, his sermons betray careful preparation. The sermon, Oct. 22, "They shall walk with me in white," was very tender and earnest, bringing out the glory that awaits God's children, that only can be reached by "living the life of the righteous" here. The pastor has secured as a helper in his work Rev. Ralph Gillam for the first two weeks in December. During the winter he will give a series of popular lectures illustrated by the stereopticon, which will be of special interest. Another point to bring the families of the parish in touch with each other is free family suppers in the church, where the children and home life come in touch with the "household of the church." Mrs. Shatto gave a supper on Tuesday, Oct. 24, to the ministers' wives of the Springfield District—an occasion of great interest to the ladies. The husbands, like Peri at the Gate of Paradise, were left outside! We congratulate our sister church on their blessed work in our city."

Cambridge District Epworth League

A very helpful and inspiring conference of the Cambridge District Epworth League was held at Fisk Memorial Church, Natick, Wednesday afternoon and evening, Oct. 25. It was opened with devotional exercises led by the president, Mr. Leon L. Dorr, of Woburn. The League of Natick then gave visiting Leagues a very cordial welcome through their president, Miss Shattuck.

The afternoon address was given by Rev. W. N. Mason, of Epworth Church, Cambridge, who took for his subject, "The Epworth League as a Spiritual Force." The work of the First department was presented by J. O. Hazleton, of Somerville, first vice-president of the District League, and reports of work done by this department were given by the various Leagues represented. Rev. Walter Morrill, of the Epworth Settlement, spoke of what the Leagues could do for the Settlement. Junior work was presented by Mrs. A. M. Osgood, of Clinton, district superintendent, and the Finance department by the district treasurer, J. L. Harrington, of Fitchburg.

After some time spent in a social way, the Natick League invited those present to the vestry, where supper was served.

Beginning at 7 o'clock, a most delightful and helpful service of prayer, song and testimony was held under the leadership of Mr. Dorr. This was followed by an earnest talk by Mr. Lacount, of West Somerville, third vice-president of the District League, on the need of Bible Study in our Leagues. The evening address was given by Rev. G. H. Spencer, of Newton, on the "Methods of Jesus." During the evening session solos were sung by Miss Isabel Griffin of Cohituate, and Mr. Howard Mason of Natick.

GRACE M. SNOW, Sec.

MAINE CONFERENCE

Portland District

Ogunquit.—The pastor, Rev. G. D. Stanley, is working hard and with some encouragement. Seventy-five dollars was raised by the summer boarders and handed to the pastor, who very generously used it for church repairs. The windows have been thoroughly repaired, the

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roof is to be shingled at once, and the church painted. A Sunday-school has been organized and the Tuesday evening prayer-meeting restored. Another year of faithful work will give this church a new lease of life.

Maryland Ridge.—The church edifice is being thoroughly repaired. Congregations are large. At the evening services young men predominate in numbers. Benevolent collections will be larger than in previous years. The church is already in "first class" in missionary collections, and has more than doubled its gifts of last year. Pastor and people set a good example to other churches on the district. The pastor, Rev. D. Nelson, supplies a Baptist church acceptably every Sabbath.

Portland Preachers' Meeting.—The monthly session of the Portland Methodist Preachers' Meeting was held in the new vestries of the Chestnut St. Church on Monday, Nov. 6. Nearly all the pastors of Portland and vicinity were present. The subject of revivals was informally discussed. After dinner Rev. J. R. Clifford gave an interesting account of his vacation in the woods. The meeting is open every month to all Methodist preachers and laymen.

Cornish.—The business depression in the town affects the church financially. Congregations are large, and the pastor is hoping for the hearty co-operation of his people in seeking the conversion of the large numbers of young people who attend the services.

Kezar Falls.—Rev. J. H. Bounds has surprised everybody by raising \$225 for repairs on the church. The people outside the church have responded generously. The Sunday school is prosperous and the pastor is encouraged.

Portland, Chestnut St.—Business and pleasure

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Worcester Circuit League

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The president, C. W. Delano, led in the devotional exercises, and music was furnished by the Park Ave. chapter. The address of the evening, "The Model Epworthian," by Rev. Robert E. Smith, was an eloquent and stirring appeal to Leaguers for lives of greater spirituality and Christian aggressiveness. Following the address the regular collection was taken and the roll called. Mr. Walter Taylor, first vice-president, then took charge of the meeting and conducted a conference of the Spiritual department. Previous to the announcement of percentages, Rev. Mr. Smith presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by rising vote:—

"Resolved, That we, members of the Worcester Circuit of Epworth Leagues, join in the request for the resignation of Dr. Schell, General Secretary of the Epworth League."

Notwithstanding the severe storm, all but two of the out-of-town chapters had delegations present at the meeting. The banner was awarded the Park Ave. chapter, which had 65 per cent. of its members present. The church was tastefully decorated by the local chapter, and a pleasant feature was the presentation of red and white carnations to all those present at the close of the meeting.

CORA D. E. ROBINSON, Sec.

Portland District League Convention

The district convention held at Saco, Nov. 8, was a success. Nearly every church along the line of the Boston & Maine R. R. was represented. Rev. D. C. Babcock and Rev. T. E. Cramer, of New Hampshire, also came with good delegations and were heartily welcomed. Portland churches sent about fifty. Eighteen pastors were present, several being detained by sickness. The program was not crowded, and everything was run on schedule time by the new president, Rev. E. S. J. McAllister. The essays were all of a very high order. Rev. O. W. Scott gave inspiration and information on Junior League work. Dr. Joseph F. Berry, editor of the *Epworth Herald*, and Rev. Luther Freeman, spoke eloquently in the afternoon. Dr. Berry gave the address of the evening on "The League that Wins." He made his audience enthusiastic, and must have inspired every Leaguer to better work in helping win men to Christ.

The local chapter furnished excellent music and generous entertainment. One hundred and twenty delegates registered from out of town,

but there were many more present. It was a grand convention.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. E. S. J. McAllister, Portland; vice-presidents, Maynard Clough, Alfred, Miss Georgia Walton, Woodfords, Miss Lottie W. Stevens; West Kennebunk, Miss Edith A. Mayberry, Biddeford; secretary, Miss Lena N. Lord, Saco; treasurer, Chester Parker, Gorham; superintendent of missionary work, Rev. F. C. Potter, Elliot; superintendent of Junior Leagues, Miss Nettie V. Debeck, Westbrook; executive committee, Rev. E. O. Thayer, Deering Centre, J. H. Marston, Portland, Harry Skillings, Pleasantdale. The chapters ought to make use of Rev. F. C. Potter's services in organizing missionary work.

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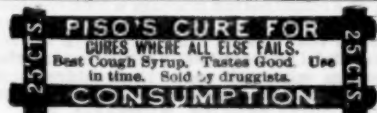
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The Conferences

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were combined at the second quarterly conference. The officials and their wives, with the presiding elder and wife as guests, went by special car to Riverton Park, where a fine supper was served. After the business meeting the evening was spent pleasantly in a social way. The new Sunday-school rooms, built by the generosity of Mr. E. T. Burrows, are now ready for use. They are beautiful and convenient. An encouraging feature of the quarterly reports was the fact that some of the class-meetings are demanding larger rooms. The Maine State Sunday-school Convention was recently entertained in this church. The attendance was unusually large and the program of a high order. The pastor, Rev. Luther Freeman, finds it impossible to call frequently on all the members of his large parish. He has inaugurated a series of afternoon services in the twelve visitors' sections, at which he hopes to meet ten or more families at once.

York.—A Junior League of twenty-five members has been organized. Recently a company of thirty children spent an afternoon at the parsonage. Games, recitations and refreshments entertained the visitors. Master Freddie Caswell, in a neat speech, presented to the pastor's infant son a silver cup on which were engraved the words: "Malcolm Bayard Whidden. From York M. E. Sunday-school."

Bowery Beach.—Evangelist Clapp and his workers, Mrs. Barker and daughter, are helping the pastor. Attendance is daily increasing and the outlook is hopeful. E. O. T.

Lewiston District

Bridgton.—Rev. D. B. Holt expected to move last spring, but his grip upon the church and community is steadily tightening. A home camp-meeting recently held was largely attended. The presiding elder and neighboring pastors assisted. The pastor has made 360 calls, and on 260 different families. The Sunday-school has an average attendance of one hundred with a home department of forty. Services are held in the outlying districts. Thirteen funerals have been attended this year. The Junior League

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numbers nearly forty. Seven have joined by letter. The W. F. M. S. and the W. H. M. S. are taking on new life; the Ladies' Social Circle is paying off the parsonage debt; fifty different persons have attended class-meeting; new books have been added to the library; there is an increasing attendance upon the social services; the finances are in advance of last year. The town is having something of a boom. A large and fine hotel is being built; also a public library, and an addition to one of the large woolen mills; and the large tannery will soon be in operation again. The people are thinking that they want the Conference to convene with them again before long.

Sweden and South Waterford.—Rev. G. W. Barber, though one of our superannuates and living in Bridgton, eight miles from the charge, has made more than one hundred calls and preached more than fifty sermons this year, and received \$77. "If riches increase," etc. Thirty dollars worth of books have been added to the library in Sweden. A few have joined on probation. Nothing but an old-time revival will save these country charges.

Mechanic Falls and Minot.—On account of business depression there has been quite an exodus from Mechanic Falls. Rev. A. Hamilton has given seven certificates of membership this year. Among these were his class-leader and district steward, and three Sunday-school teachers. But the pastor and his loyal band are pushing the battle. Pastoral work is faithfully done, revival services are being held, benevolences are looked after, and four new subscribers for ZION'S HERALD have been obtained. The Sunday-schools are vigorous; the Junior League, under Mrs. Hamilton's care, is doing finely. Finances are well up.

Oxford and Welchville.—Rev. A. S. Staples has recently lost a horse that he valued at \$125. The Sunday-schools are doing well. One evening in each week is devoted to Bible study. The class-meeting has had an attendance of twenty. Some will soon join on probation. The church at Welchville has been painted. The question of a parsonage is being agitated. Rev. J. F. Woodman, local deacon, preaches and superintends Sunday-school.

Bath, Beacon St.—Rev. W. P. Merrill is greatly encouraged in his work. New families are coming to church; the class meeting has overflowed the small vestry; the Sunday evening service is largely attended; one has recently joined in full. New furnaces are being put into the church and parsonage.

Auburn.—Rev. C. S. Cummings has taken no vacation; and yet he has not suffered from his labors. Other churches have been closed and this has given him large audiences. Calls to the number of 550 have been made; new life is being put into the Sunday-school. Pastor and presiding elder are paid up to date. Mr. Cummings preached at Winthrop and Monmouth, Oct. 29. Calls for sermons, lectures and addresses are numerous. It was pleasant for the presiding elder to preach to his former parishioners once more.

Lewiston, Park St.—Rev. C. A. Southard has recently held revival services. Ten requested prayers, the church was helped, and the battle is still on. Rev. Dr. J. F. Berry lectured here early in November. The Ministerial Association convened here, Oct. 23 to 25. About twenty preachers were present. It was thought to be an excellent meeting. The papers were carefully prepared, the discussions earnest, the spirit kind and fraternal. Mr. Geo. E. Whitaker, publisher of ZION'S HERALD, was a welcome visitor, and pleasantly and interestingly presented the claims of the paper. On Tuesday evening Rev. W. F. Berry very ably presented the work of the Christian Civic League. He had a large audience.

Lewiston, Hammond St.—Oct. 29, 8 were baptized, 7 joined in full from probation, 3 on probation and 1 by letter. Excellent congregations attend the preaching service and great crowds of young people attend the Sunday evening service. Rev. H. C. Wilson is his own evangelist, and he is having a steady revival. It is quite remarkable how this church has come up and on since he assumed the pastorate.

Yarmouth.—Rev. C. A. Brooks is another evangelistic pastor. He is in the midst of revival services, and is having souls for his hire. Two hundred or more have been in attendance upon week-evening services, and on Sunday evenings yet larger numbers. Friends who have a dollar to spare will do well to send it to Mr. Brooks to help reduce the debt on their new and beautiful

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EPISCOPAL VISITATION FOR 1900.

(January-June.)

[CHRONOLOGICAL.]

CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

N. B.—The ten Conferences first named belong to the Plan of 1899, but are held after the Bishops' Conference, November, 1899.

CONFERENCE	PLACE	TIME	BISHOP
Southern Ger.	Seguin, Tex.	Nov. 30, Goodsell	
South Carolina	Greenville, S. C.	Dec. 6, Andrews	
Texas	Houston, Tex.	" 6, Goodsell	
Atlanta	Rome, Ga.	" 7, Merrill	
Alabama	Pratt City, Ala.	" 7, Mallalieu	
Georgia	Atlanta, Ga.	" 14, Merrill	
Savannah	La Grange, Ga.	" 14, Andrews	
Cent. Alabama	Montgomery, Ala.	" 14, Mallalieu	
Austin	Fort Worth, Tex.	" 14, Goodsell	
West Tex.	Austin, Tex.	" 20, Goodsell	

Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	Jan. 10, Walden	
St. John's River	Jacksonville, Fla.	" 18, Walden	
Up. Mississippi	Corinth, Miss.	" 24, Mallalieu	
Louisiana	New Orleans, La.	" 24, Joyce	
Arkansas	Fort Smith, Ark.	" 24, Goodsell	
Mississippi	Battlesburg, Miss.	" 31, Mallalieu	
Little Rock	Little Rock, Ark.	" 31, Goodsell	
Gulf Mis. Conf.	Marshall, Tex.	Feb. 1, Joyce	
South Kansas	Chanute, Kan.	Mar. 7, Vincent	
Northwest Kan.	Coscordia, Kan.	" 14, Warren	
New Jersey	Millville, N. J.	" 14, Hurst	
Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.	" 14, Fowler	
Southwest Kan.	Wichita, Kan.	" 14, Vincent	
Missouri	Kirkville, Mo.	" 14, Fitzgerald	
Central Penn.	Hazleton, Pa.	" 14, Goodsell	
Lexington	Covington, Ky.	" 21, Merrill	
Wilmington	Wilmington, Del.	" 21, Andrews	
Kansas	Kansas City, Kan.	" 21, Warren	
Washington	Baltimore, Md.	" 21, Foss	
St. Louis	Kansas City, Mo.	" 21, Fitzgerald	
Virginia	Alexandria, Va.	" 22, Hurst	
Delaware	Philadelphia, Pa.	" 28, Warren	
N. Eng. Southern	Marshall, Mo.	" 28, Mallalieu	
Cent. Missouri	Brooklyn, N. Y.	" 29, Fowler	
Brooklyn	New York, N. Y.	Apr. 4, Warren	
New York	Elkhart, Ind.	" 4, Foss	
North Indiana	Danbury, Conn.	" 4, Hurst	
New York East	Washington, D. C.	" 4, Walden	
Baltimore	Paterson, N. J.	" 4, Vincent	
Newark	Fitchburg, Mass.	" 4, Joyce	
New England	"	" 11, Merrill	
Vermont	Nashua, N. H.	" 11, Andrews	
New Hampshire	Glad Forks, N. D.	" 11, McCabe	
North Dakota	Troy, N. Y.	" 18, Merrill	
Troy	Owego, N. Y.	" 18, Foss	
Wyoming	Rome, N. Y.	" 18, Walden	
N'th New York	"	" 18, Fowler	
East Maine	Gardiner, Me.	" 18, Joyce	
Maine	"	"	

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Bombay	Bombay	Dec. 15, '99, Thoburn	
South India	Madras	" 28, Thoburn	
North India	Moradabad	Jan. 10, Thoburn	
Mexico	Pachuca	" 17, McCabe	
Northwest India	Muttra	" 17, Thoburn	
West China Mis.	Chung-King	" 24, Thoburn	
Bengal-Burma	Calcutta	" 28, Thoburn	
W. So. Am. Miss.	"	"	
Conference	Valparaiso	" 31, Ninde	
Liberia	Monrovia	Feb. 2, Hartzell	
South America	Buenos Ayres	" 14, Ninde	
Malaysia Mission	Singapore	" 18, Thoburn	
Japan	Tokyo	Mar. 28, Thoburn	
So. Jap. Mis. Conf.	Nagasaki	Apr. 30, Thoburn	
Congo Mis. Conf.	Melange	May 4, Thoburn	
Korea Mission	Seoul	" 10, Thoburn	
North China	Peking	" 30, Thoburn	
Italy	Rome	June 13, Thoburn	
Switzerland	Zurich	" 21, Thoburn	
South Germany	Heilbronn	July 4, Thoburn	
North Germany	Bremen	" 18, Thoburn	
Denmark Mission	Odense	" 25, Thoburn	
Norway	Bergen	Aug. 8, Thoburn	
Sweden	Stockholm	" 22, Thoburn	
Fin. & St. Peters-	"	"	
burg Mis.	Gamla Karleby	Sept. 5, Thoburn	
Bulgaria	Rustchuk	" 19, Thoburn	
Poochow	Poochow	Oct. 3, Thoburn	
Hinghua Mis. Conf.	Hinghua	" 17, Thoburn	
Cent. China Mis.	Nanking	Nov. 7, Thoburn	
Central (India)	Calcutta	Feb. 1, Thoburn	

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